

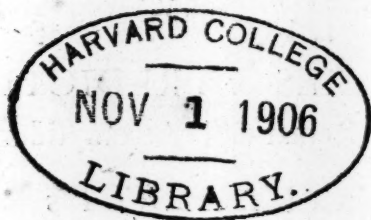
Catastrophe Mundi :
OR,
MERLIN REVIV'D,
In a DISCOURSE of
PROPHECIES & PREDICTIONS,
And their Remarkable Accomplishment.

With Mr. *LILLY*'s
Hieroglyphicks
EXACTLY CUT;
And Notes and Observations thereon.
AS ALSO
A COLLECTION
Of all the Antient (Reputed)
PROPHECIES
That are Extant,
Touching the Grand Revolutions like
to happen in these *Latter Ages*.

By a Learned Pen.

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The PREFACE.

I*Thas been (Scandalously) reflected by Foreigners, That Englishmen alwayes carry an old Prophecy in their Pockets (see Fullers Church-History, Lib. 16.) yet to do our Nation Right, we may modestly answer, That we are no more Addicted to those Curiosities than our Neighbours. Tis well known how fond the French are of their Nostradamus; the Prediction touching a Red-hair'd Assassin hath not wanted its Impressions on one of the greatest Spirits in Europe; Nor is there scarce a Cardinal at Rome, but is in Fee with an Astrologer to aduertise him of his Fate, and when the luckly Hitt of the Infallible Chair will fall his share. It must not be denied, That many have rendered themselves Ridiculous in Publishing, and more been Befool'd in Crediting the fanciful or Knavish Prognosticks of some Enthusiastical or Designing Heads; whence the wisdom of our Ancestors has thought fit to restrain and chastize with Penalties, such as presume to publish false and Phantastical Prophecies, to the Intent thereby to make any Rebellion, Insurrection, Dissention, loss of life, or o-*

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ther Disturbance in the Reàlm, Stat. 5. Eliz
Cap. 15.

This small Treatise is Chaste from any such lewd Design, rather aiming at the direct contrary; For understanding that certain Pictures formerly Emitted by Mr. William Lilly have much been talkt of and admired, (perhaps for their being scarce and unknown (Omne enim Ignotum habetur pro Magnifico) and that the same have lately been Republisht by one, That not only pretends so shrewdly to understand them, That he has adventur'd to place them in a new Order, but also has added others of his own Invention, and fathers the former (though we think without any grounds) on Nostradamus; adding likewise several further odd Prognostications, wherein the probable present Confidence is all the Hope of future Verity : we conceived it could be no offence to gratify the Curious, truly with those Emblems, just as they were set forth by Mr. Lilly now six and twenty years ago; Which as Aristotle said of some of his works, are so publisht, not to be publick; Because I think, scarce Intelligible to any, till Time (the best Expositor of Oracles) shall unlock the Mystery. At least, those that expect the fulfilling of them All in this our Age, (nay, or in that of our Grand-Children) may find themselves as grossly mistaken as those who were so confident of the final Destruction of Rome and the Papacy in 66; since Mr. Lilly himself

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tells us, That therein is Represented the future Condition of this Nation, For many hundred of years yet to come.

As for the rest of the Prophecies (for we use the vulgar stile) hereunto annexed, all the Learned World knows they are none of our Devising, but have long since been vouch'd by many Learned Authors; And as we undertake not to Justify their Authority, so neither do we presume to give their Interpretation. All we had to do, was to recite them Faithfully, and give the Reader the most certain Account we could of their Original, withal rectifying diverse gross mistakes, with which (through the Negligence of Transcribers, Ignorance of Translators, or Errors of the Press) most Copies of them formerly did abound; and so they are left to the Censure of the Reader, and Posterity, which more justly by the Event will know, what Value to put upon them.

What ever success they shall have, or whether worthy of Regard or Contempt, we shall here conclude with an Infalible Prophecy, that for ever concerns all the Nations of the World in general, and each person in particular, and which we are certain shall come to pass, for the Mouth of Eternal Truth hath spoken it:

--If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his Commandments, That then the Lord will set thee on high above all Nations of

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the Earth. Blessed shalt thou be in the City, and Blessed shalt thou be in the Field.----The Lord shall cause thine Enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face, and all that thou settest thine hand unto shall prosper.----- But if thou wilt not hearken to the Lord thy God, to observe and do his Commandments and his Statutes, Curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee: The Lord shall send upon thee Vexation and Rebuke, until thou be destroyed: And shall smite thee with Madness and Blindness, and Astonishment of Heart, and thou shalt grope at Noon days as the Blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper, but be oppressed and spoiled, and no man shall save thee. *Dent. 28.*

*Dicamus bona verba; Deus regit Astra; ferunt
Illius Arbitrio Sydera, Terra, frctum.
Sed Heu, quam nostra malis deliret moribus At
Ipsa etiam videas Sydera mœsta queri.*

God moves the Heavens, and his Mighty Hand
Both Planets, Earth, and Ocean doth Command
But we alas! are now so wicked grown
That Threatning Stars our vileness does bemoan
And with our weighty sins both Heav'n and
Earth do groan.

Of Prophecies, Predictions, and Divinations in General.

And many Remarkable Instances of Things foretold, that came to pass.

AS 'tis not our purpose to speak of *Sacred Prophecies* or those *Divine Revelations* Contained in the *Holy Scriptures*, which alone are *αὐτὸπίστοι* and of infallible Credit and Authority; so neither shall we run through all those Follies and wicked Extravagancies whereby the Heathen pretended to discover things to come. As their *Auguries*, *Aruspices*, *Sortileges*, &c. But only to raise some few Remarks on some of the Celebrated *Methods* whereby things are thought to be predicted or foreknown, and frequently come to pass accordingly. Of this sort are,

I. That of *Wise Prudent and Learned men*, who from *their Observations* out of *History*, Their knowledge of the Nature of men, and the Constitutions of Governments, and comparing times pass'd, with the present, and

concluding from like Causes, -like Effects, when they see the same things come again upon the stage of the World, as have formerly been, and then considering all Circumstances of Agreement and difference, are able to give a very *probable Conjecture*, which seldom fails, of what is like to come to pass. Which sort of Predictions are not only lawful, but worthy of much Commendation, being oftentimes conducive to the good of Kingdoms, by Premonishing and Preventing Inconveniencies like to come upon them.

II. Astrological Predictions, when the Artist undertakes from the Positions of the Heavens, the Configurations of the Planets, Eclipses, Conjunctions, Comets &c. to foretell future Accidents, or as one very significantly defines it.----- *Astrologia est Doctrina quæ ostendit vires Stellarum cognitæ Perpetua Experientia, et Qualitates, Temperamenta et Inclinationes in Elementis et Corporibus Humanum, ortas a Luce, Motu, et Influentiis Stellarum; Quibus Qualitatibus, Temperamentis et Inclinationibus, Respondent sua quedam Actiones, nisi aut Divinitus, aut aliis Causis Fortioribus Impediantur.*----- Astrology is a sort of Learning which shews the Force and Vertues of the Stars, known by perpetual Experience, and the Qualities, Temperaments and Inclinations arising from the Light, Motion and Influences

fluencies of the Stars, in the Elements and Bodies of men; Answerable to which Qualities Temperaments and Inclinations are their Actions, unless hindred by Divine power, or some other stronger Causes.

This Art I cannot say is unlawful, but I take it to be but Conjectural, and by Ignorant Pretenders much abused: strange things have been, and frequently are thereby foretold, and prove true, when a skillful Artist hath the handling of the matter; but many times fall out otherwise: sometimes from the Ignorance of him that undertakes the Judgment, otherwhile from the Influence of some of the *fixed Stars*; which being seldom taken notice of, may cross or hinder what may otherwise be signified; Or 3dly, from the want of a sufficient Treasure of Observations, by which Judgment ought to be given; The same posture of the Heavens having never twice hapen'd alike in every circumstance since the Creation, and by that means leaving the World destitute of stable means, whereon to build their Judgment; since what can be rationally said in that kind must proceed from the Comparing of Events which have happened under such and such Configurations, with what are like to be when the same fall out again; Or lastly, by reason of the care of the party himself, who may by his own Industry

dustry prevent what from the Influence of the Stars would have been his Destiny, for they at most do not *Necessitate*, but *Incline*, and by the Providence and over-ruling Power of God, and the Wisdom of Man, are sometimes diverted.

III. A Third sort is a Geomantical or Terrestrial Divination, in which from certain voluntary Pricks or Points made by the hand at Adventure, certain Figures are raised; From the first four of which, called *Fathers*, are produced other four, called *Daughters*; These Eight bring forth four *Grand Children*, from them come out Two *Witnesses*, from those a *Judge*; and the Judgment upon this sort of Divination is not much unlike that of Astrology. But the Foundation of all this seems to be laid upon a false Supposition, That the Soul of man knoweth things to come, but is hindred by the dulness of the Organs of the Body. And therefore in the practice of it, a great sedateness of mind is required, a freedom from all noise that may disturb it, and such like Circumstances; Which he that hath a mind to fool a way time, may find in *Cattan*, *Flood*, and *H. de Pisis*. But this kind of Divination I take to be idle, vain and superstitious, as not built upon any stable Foundation of Reason, or supported by any thing but Fancy.

IV. A Fourth sort is by framing certain Figures of Stone or Metal underneath such Constellations, and placing them either in some Conspicuous Place or Town, or sometimes Under-Ground, by which some have pretended to do strange Feats; These are called *Talismans*, of which, (as also the Language of the Stars, with an Alphabetical Table, and how from *That*, words are framed which shall declare the Event of things to come, according to the Nature of the Question) *Gaffarel*, a Learned *French-man*, hath largely written in his Book of *Unheard-of Curiosities*; and such no doubt they will prove to him that spends much time in the study of them.

V. A Fifth sort (if indeed there be any such thing) may be by *Communication with Angels and Spirits*; For many have pretended to such a Converse; I do not mean by the *Black-Art*, Conjuring, *Negromancy* or having to do with Devils; but with good Angels, who out of Charity, Love and Compassion to their Fellow Creatures, are said often to be willing to forewarn them of impending dangers, and discover to good men what may be of advantage. Thus the Learned *Brown* in his *Religio Medici* sticks not to declare his opinion to be, That Mankind owes the

the Invention of many of our excellent and profitable Arts to the *Courteous Revelation of Spirits*.

VI. Lastly, There is *Enthusiasm*, or Illumination, an Enlightning of the whole Soul, either from a certain unusual *Crisis*, or an over-poize of Complexion, or strength of purer Spirits, or else by some unknown supernatural means, as the Possession or Inspiration of some Spirit, either good or bad. *Aristotle* tells of one *Maracus* of *Siracuse*, a Poet, who never made so good Verses as when he was mad; and immediately before that Story hath these words, Πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ διὰ τὸ εἶναι ἰνναί &c. Many because that Heat is near the seat of the mind, are taken with sundry Frantick and Enthusiastick Fits, from whence they become Sybills, Bachides, or inspired, not from any Disease, but a Natural Temperament---- So that it seems in the sense, of *Aristotle* much of this kind of Illumination proceeds from an Exaltation of the mind by some Ecstatick operation of the Soul; and great Examples in all Ages, might be produced out of the Observations of Physitians to this purpose; some whereof have been meer Cheats to gain Credit to such as should Cure or Exorcise them; Others true and natural, where some Melancholy Heat, or strong Imagination, ex! astly, through Custom and use,

use, the persons affected have brought upon themselves such an Habit, that fancy prevailing over their Judgment and Understanding, they have pretended to Prophecy; and sometimes what they have spoken, hath proved true.

Of these several sorts of foretelling, as touching the Astrological Predictions, or such as are grounded on that Art, we have briefly shewn whence they may pretend to Credit, having in themselves a natural ground, as Effects are foreseen in their Causes. But as touching the Common Abstruse Indications of great Accidents, Wars, death of particular men, Casualties to Cities, &c. usually stiled *Prophecies*, from what spring to derive them, or to what Cause they ought to be attributed, is difficult to be determined.

To deny that any things have been so foretold, or that because some pretending thereunto, were either *Cheats*, or *Hypochondraique*, That therefore all were so, is to give the Lie to the experiences of all Ages, and in many of them the very great time between the Predictions, and the fulfilling of them, doth sufficiently Evince that they came from an higher Cause than a Melancholy Heat: For where that is predominant, I have ever observed, that between the Prophecie, and the
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time allotted for the Accomplishment, there is rarely or never more than a score of years, sometimes not so many Moneths.

I. Concerning the *Sybils*, not only the Heathen paid a great veneration to their Verses, but the most Eminent Antient Doctors of the Christian Church have made great and good use of them (in that kind of way which *Logicians* call *Argumentum ad hominem*) to Convince their Pagan opposers of the verity of our Religion, since they gave so clear a Testimony to the Birth and other Circumstances of the Blessed *Jesus*, long before his Incarnation. But whether all or any of them were indued with the Holy Spirit of God, I dare not affirm. This difference I observe to be between them and the true Prophets, that the later were never during their Prophecy deprived of their Wits, Senses or Understanding; For if at any time they have been surpris'd with Consternation or Astonishment upon the Appearance of an *Angel*, or the like, they have been by the Power of God soon restored to a Temper fit to understand and deliver the Message wherewith they were Intrusted. Nay they have generally been further able to Confirm by a Miracle, that they were really sent from God, when it stood with his Glory to have it so, and the distrust of the people requir'd it; whereas these

these *Sybils* are never reputed to have done any other Miracle, save that of truly foretelling things to come. 'Tis indeed in the 18th of *Deutrenomy*, made the Mark of a Prophet, *not sent* by God, if the things foretold *come not to pass*, and this is undoubtedly true. But it follows not *Convertibly*, that whatever things foretold come to pass, the person foretelling them must needs be sent by God; except meant *permissively*; For we know the Oracles of the Heathen Idols, gave often true Answers, suffered so to do indeed by God, but inspired by the Devil. And *Balaam* though he were a Magitan and wicked person, yet he foretold several excellent Truths.

I am not Ignorant, That many times, as appears from History, false Prophecies and Predictions have been promoted by crafty Knaves to deceive credulous Fools, and advance their own Designs, and many that have vainly trusted in them, have been deceived and brought to Destruction by their overfondness. At such time as *Brittanicus* waited for the great Lot of the *Roman* Empire, by the Encouragement of a vain Astrologer, he lost both Hopes and Life by the Rigour of a Bloody Tyrant. *Seneca* by a pretty fantasy, brings in *Mercury* perswading with the Gods that they would abridge the Life of *Claudius*, if not for any other Cause, yet out
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of very Pity and Compassion to the poor Astrologers, who had already been taken with so many Lies about it. That *Wily Fox, Trajanus* (as *Dion* tells us) by the practise and Assistance of Astrologers convey'd a panniek fear into the Head of *Tiberius*, That *Germanicus* aspired to the Empire, whereas in the mean time he only pusht forwards his own Design: *Existimans se cum Juvenem sustulisset, Facile in Manu Senem Habiturum*; Concluding it would be easy to get the old man into his Clutches, if he could but get rid of the Young One. So *Richard Duke of Gloucester* finding that so long as his Brother *George of Clarence* stood between him and the *Gole*, he could never win the *Prize* on which he had fixt his Ambitious Thoughts, caused a certain Prophecy to be suggested to the King his elder Brother, That *G.* should one day wear the Crown. During the Civil Wars between *Caesar* and *Pompey*, neither party wanted Prophets, which both gave them Encouragement to Proceed, and hope to prevail. And in like manner in our Domestick Broiles between *York* and *Lancaster*, The Books of Beasts and Babies were exceeding rife and currant in every Corner of the Realm, either Party Applying and Interpreting as they were Affected to the Title. *Don John de Barbuda*, a Nobleman of *Castile*, of greater Courage than

han Judgment, being perswaded by the Predictions of an old silly *Hermite*, that without the loss of one mans Life, he should recover the Kingdom of *Granada* from the *Moors*, undertook the Enterprize against the Advice and Perswasions of the King of *Castile*, with no greater force than 1000 Foot and 300 horse, who were together with himself all Cut in pieces.

Remarkable is that Story of *Bassianus Caracala*, who during his War in *Mesopotamia*, ordered one of his Counsellors at *Rome* call'd *Maternianus* to procure a Meeting of all the Prophets, Astrologers and Conjurers, to discover if any Plot or Designs were in hand against his person or Authority; and *Maternianus* finding by their Universal Verdict that one *Macrinus* a Colonel, who had a charge in the Field at that very instant, under the Emperour, should bereave him of his Life, sent Advertisment thereof by the next dispatch; which Post happening to arrive at a time when the Emperour was exceeding earnest and attentive at his Sport, he commanded this very *Macrinus*, who (as Fate would have it) was next at hand, to break up the Pacquet and inform him of the contents at the time of Council. By this means *Macrinus* perceiving the drift and his own danger (though before never no thought of Disloyalty, much

less murder of his Prince, came into his head) finding there was no middle Course to be taken, but that either *Caracalla*, before he should receive further Advertisement thereof, or to be sure he himself soon after, must dye for it, made Choice of a desperate Russian that Commanded a Company of foot under him, To *Stabb* his Master, as he withdrew from Company to Ease Nature; and so strangely solv'd the Credit of the South-Sayers.

In the time whilst Popery and Monckery bore sway in *England*, There was a great *Loobily Image* in *Wales* called *Darvel Gathern*, of which an old Prophecy went, *That it should burn a Forrest*, and on that Account was beheld by the Ignorant with much Veneration. But the Event was thus: At the time of the Dissolution of Abbeys under *K. Hen. 8* it was brought up to *London*, and burnt at the Gallows in *Smithfield* with the Bowels of one *Friar Forrest*, executed for a Traitor.

Another Prophecy was current in the Abbey of *Glassenbury*, *That a Whiting should swim on the Topp of the Torr thereof*, (which is a steep Hill hard by,) and the Credulous Countrey People understood it of an Inruption of the Sea, which they suspected accordingly. But it hapen'd, that Abbot *Whiting*, the last of that Character at *Glassenbury*,

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was hanged thereon for his Recufancy to Surrender the Abbey and denying the Kings Supremacy, fo swimming in Air and not Water, and waved with the wind in the place, made good the Prophecy, though very unexpectedly.

Did not *Anaximander* of old foretell the *Lacedemonians* of a dangerous and greivous Earth-quake imminent, advising to prevent the Peril and Terror thereof by forfaking their Houses and avoiding the City, to remain till its fury was over in the open Field? which Earth-quake shortly after burft out in fo violent manner That the whole City was utterly ruined, and a great part of the Mountain *Tagetus* horribly overwhelm'd? did not the Prince of Phyficians, *Hippocrates*, forfee a dreadful plague, or mortal Contagion amongst the *Greeks*, a considerable time before it began to rage? Did not *Thales Milesius* enrich himself by forefeeing a Scarcity of Olives in the *Milesian* Fields, and buying up a great quantity before hand? Did not *Socrates* foretell the death of *Crito*? *Sulla* the Death of *Caligula*? The *Caldeans* the Death and Parricide of *Aggripina* the Emprefs by her own Son *Nero*, when he fhould come to be Emperour? and yet fo poffefs'd ſhe was with the Devil of Ambition, that ſhe cry'd out *Occidat modo Imperet* ---- I ſay with all my Heart,

Let him kill mee, provided he may but Raign.

Alexander the Great was foretold his Fate by *Calanus* and *Indian*, and that if he Entred *Babylon* it would prove fatal, and he would dye there; which came to pass accordingly. *Cesar* had fair notice given him by *Spurina* to beware of the *Ides of March*, and fell a sacrifice to his own Incredulity or Negligence, in not observing that Caution.

Ascleterion the Mathematician, being accused that he had predicted the Death of the Emperour *Domitian*; The Emperor demanded of him whether he had so done, or not? And confessing that he had, Then (quoth the Emperor) Pray Sir, you that are so Skillful in finding out other Peoples Fate, tell me what shall be your own: To which he answered, That he should very shortly be torn to pieces by Dogs. *Domitian* resolves (as he thought) utterly to spoil this Prediction, and therefore having order'd him forthwith to be put to Death, Causes his body to be laid in a very deep ditch and a great heap of Earth to be laid thereon, that no Dogs should come near it; But mighty Rains happening, washt away the new unsettled Earth, and Dogs did accordingly tear his Body; And soon after *Domitian's* Death confirmed the residue of his Prediction.

Rantzovius a Noble and Learned Dame, p.

99. tell's us, That the Astrologer of the Emperour *Frederick the Second*, being question'd by him, why he paid so much respect to *Rodolphus Earl of Haspurgh*, than but a poor Retainer to the Court, Answered; *Because all thy Sons being Dead*, (and the Emperour at that time had no fewer than 10 alive) *He and his Posterity shall come to and Enjoy those Kingdoms which now your Majesty does possess*; Which was answered with a punctual Success, *Rodolphus* being Elected King of the Romans by the Germans, Anno 1273. And page 97. he Relates, That one Master *Christian* an Astrologer of *Prague*, Admonished *Ladislaus Jagello* King of Poland by a Priest that belonged to him, Anno 1434. That he should beware of Death that year, for that many Planets were then Conjoin'd, and there would be an Ecclipse of the Moon under the Earth, and accordingly the same year he was Lodg'd in his Grave.

In the same page, he gives that Remarkable Instance of the Incomparably Learned *Johannes Picus Mirandula*, having written and Published a very smart Treatise against Astrology, several Artists, viz. *Bellantius* of Sena, *Antonius Sirigatus* a Florentine, and *Angelus de Catastris* a Carmelite, That they might demonstrate the Truth of their Art and Convince him of his Mistake, positively told him

in their publick Writings, That he himself should not Escape or Survive the 33d year of his Age, by reason of the Direction of the Ascendant in his Nativity to the Body of *Mars*; who flattering himself with a false Conceit, As if he could wrangle away Death, or elude the Significations of his Stars by Writing against *Astrology*, indeavouring to prove the Art vain, his Death concurring exactly which the Time predicted, Confirmed the same Art to be true, and more actually Confuted all that he had written against it, Than if all the World besides had Conspired to Answer him.

Fulgosius, Lib. 8. Ca. 11. Records the wondrous exploits perform'd by *Guido Bonatus* the Astrologer at *Forly* in *Italy*, at what time that City was close Besiedg'd; For he Elect-ed or foretold a Lucky Day, for *Guido* Earl of *Montferrat*, wherein if he would make a Sall-y he should rout his Enemies and obtain over them a Compleat Victory, but not without receiving a *slight wound in the Knee*. And that the Earl might be more assured of what he so foretold, *Bonatus* would needs march out along with him, and carryed Towe and Eggs and other Necessaries for dressing his wound. And in the Engagement the Enemy was vanquisht, and the Earl wounded punctually in the place foretold.

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Regiomontanus, a little before his death at Rome, viz. in the year 1475. (One hundred and Thirteen yares before it came) pointed out the year 1588. as a time of most signal Revolutions and grand Transactions in the world. And to the same purpose there was a Prophecy publisht in High Dutch, as followeth.

**Tansen funfhundert achtzitchtacht
Das ist das iar, Das ich betracht
Geth in dem de weltnirt undee
Geschicht doth groz merklich wun-
(Der.**

Which I have found thus paraphras'd
into Latine.

*Post mille expletos a partu Virginis Annos
Et post Quingentos rursus ab Orbe datos
Octogesimo Octavo mirabilis Annus
Ingruet, is secum tristia Fata feret
Si non hoc Anno, totus malus occidet Orbis
Si non in Nihilum terra, fretumque ruet.
Cuncta tamen mundi Sursum ibunt atque re-
(rorsum
Imperia: & Luctus undique grandis erit.*

And may bee thus English.

*From Christs Birth count a Thousand Years
complete,*

And add five hundred more with Eighty Eight
 That year approaching, all men will affright
 With wofull Terrors, which on them will light
 If the whole world to ruin do not run,
 Or into nothing Land and Seas bee done:
 At least most Realms shall Topsy Turvy turn,
 And men on all sides Lamentably mourn.

Now if wee examine our Chronicles, wee
 shall find most memorable passages in diverse
 parts of the world to have happend in that
 year. Was it not unusual and strange, That
Poland this year should have three Kings assu-
 ming the Title, whilst the Fourth, viz. *Stephen*
Battori was yet unburied? Namely, *Sigis-*
mund the Swede, *Maximilian the Emperors*
Brother, and *Henry Valois of France*. Of which
 three, *Maximilian* in the begining of this
 year was taken prisoner, his Army Cut in
 pieces, and by means there of many thousands
 of men women and Children carryed away
 Captives by the *Tartars*. That *Suedeland*
 in the mean tyme was all in a Combustion
 which Tumults, and lost severall strong
 Places to the *Muscovite*. The *Muscovite*
 himself ran madd, and lost his witts. The
 King of *Denmark* *Frederick the Second* dyed.
 In *France* there happend The *Barricado* of
Paris, The flight of the King from thence,
 The slaughter of the great Duke of *Guise*,
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and his brother the Cardinal of *Lorraine*; The Death of the Queen Mother, The poisoning of the Prince of *Condee*, and the Overthrow which the King of *Navarre* gave unto Duke *Mercours*; All which gave that King some sufficient Cause to think 88. a year Extraordinary. At the same tyme the Duke of *Savoy* prepared his Army and surprized the French Kings cheif Magazine in *Saluze*. The *Sophy of Persia* dyed, The *Turks* suffered great Defeats in *Hungary*. And in *Constantinople* by reason of false moneys paid to the *Janizarius*, they fell into a Mutiny, Compell'd the Grand Seignior to deliver up his cheifest Favourites to bee put to Death, set fire on the Jews Houses, and spoiled their goods, by which means above 12 thousand Houses were burnt down to the Ground in that City.

And nearer home, did not the world with wonder behold the *Spanish Armado* (which they foolishly called *Invincible*) shatter'd to pieces by the valour, of the *English*; A loss that the *Spanish Monarchy* has not recovered to this day. In a word, (saith Gallo Belgicus) *Ortu solis usque ad occasum, nullus ferme remansit locus in quo non mirari dignum aliquid hoc Anna contigerit.* From the rising of the Sun to the going down thereof, there was scarce any place, in which something wonderful did not happen.

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'Tis a very odd Story, which is credibly related of King *James*, how he was premonisht of his death by a Dream, wherein his old Master *Buchanan* appeared unto him in his sleep, and gave him these two Verses :

*Sexte verere Deum tibi vita Terminus instat
Cum tua cadenti flagrat Carbunculus igne.*

*Sixth James! see thou to God do humbly turn
Thy Fate draws near, and men thy death shall
When in the Fire thy Carbuncle shall Burn.*

King *James* was the sixth of that name of *Scotland*; and next morning he told his Bed-chamber-men and several of the Lords, repeating the verses, and averring that he did not make them. The success was this: The King had a very large and fair Carbuncle Stone usually set in his Hat, and sitting by the Fire not long after, this great Carbuncle fell off into the Fire, and a *Scotish* Lord took it up, and 'twas observed the King sickened and dyed very shortly after.

I shall conclude with that most positive prediction of *Michael Nostradamus* of *St. Remy* in *France*, Physitian to the King, and a great Mathematician and Astrologer, who dyed the second of *July* 1566. In his Book

of *Quadrins* in French, Printed 1555. wherein he very plainly foretells the horrid and detestable Murther of King *Charles* the First by his own Subjects before his own Palace. And in *Quadrin* 51. thus evidently fore-speaks the Burning of *London*, and expresses the very year 66. in these words.

*Le Langue du Juste a Londres fera faut
Bruslez par Foudres, de vingt trois, les six
La Dame Antique cherra de place haut
De mesme Seicle plusieurs serront Occis.*

Which may thus be *Englisht*.
*For th^t Blood o^th Just a London spilt, the same
In Sixty Six shall all be in a Flame ;
That Antient Dame shall in the Dust complain
And many of the same Sect shall be slain.*

But we are affraid we have already wearied the Reader with these *past Stories* ; and therefore now proceed to gratify such whose Curiosity delights in such matters, with Mr. *Lillies Hieroglyphicks* as they were by him publisht 1651. with (only) this following Preface.

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Mr. Lillies Account of his Hieroglyphicks.

HAd the Courtesie of the present times de-
served it at my hands, thou hadst seen an
Explanation of the following Pages, which in
Ænigmatical Types, Forms, Figures, Shapes,
both perfectly represent the future Condition of
the English Nation for many hundred of years
yet to come. I have borrowed so much time from
my Morning-sleep as hath brought forth these
Conceptions. You that Read these Lines must
know I do no new thing : I do herein but imitate
the Antients, who so often as they resolved to con-
ceal their Intentions from prophane Hands, used
Hieroglyphicks, Images, &c. The Egyptian
Priests were herein excellent, and their Judge-
ment commendable : Our Saviour also himself
commendeth ; Ne detur sacrum Canibus. If
Providence shall hereafter assign me a quiet life
and prolong my years, I may then perhaps leave
unto the Sons of Art the severall Changes of
every Kingdom and Commonwealth in Europe
in such-like Characters as these which now fol-
low.











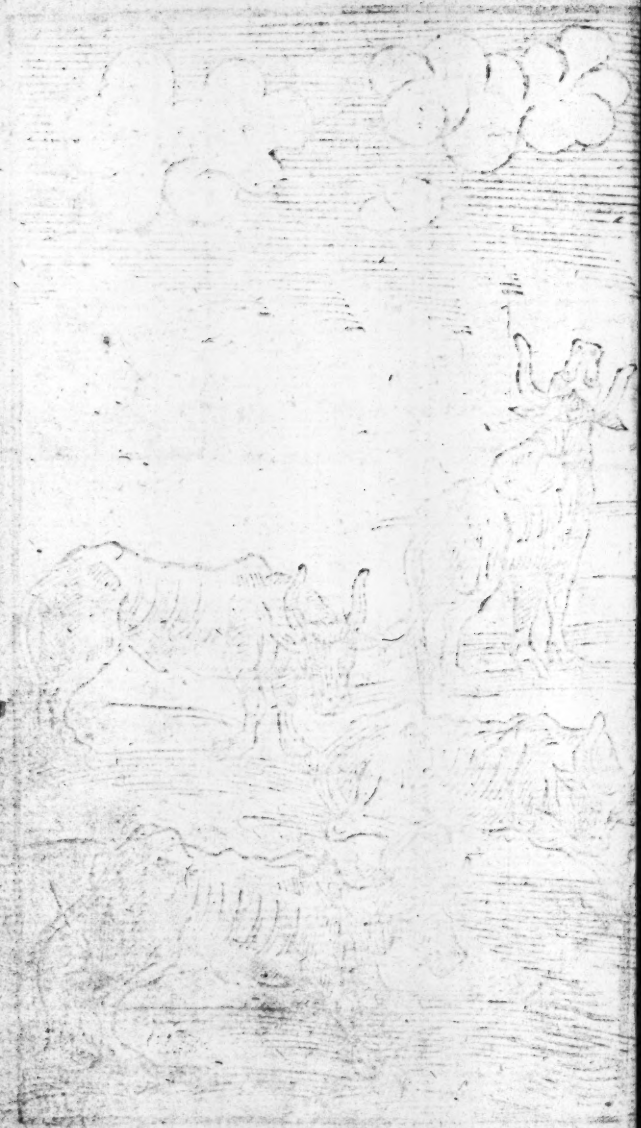
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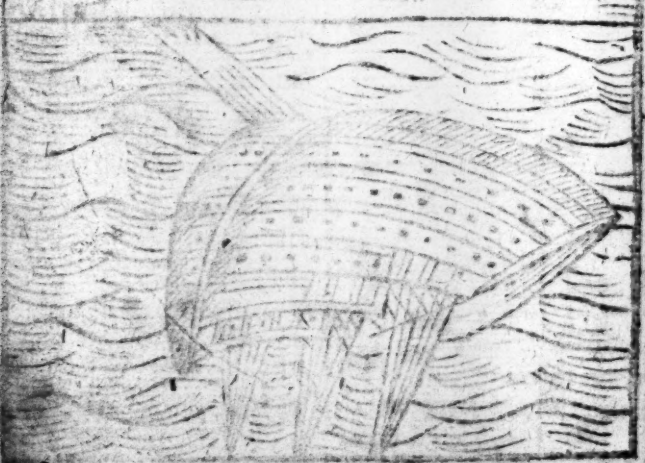




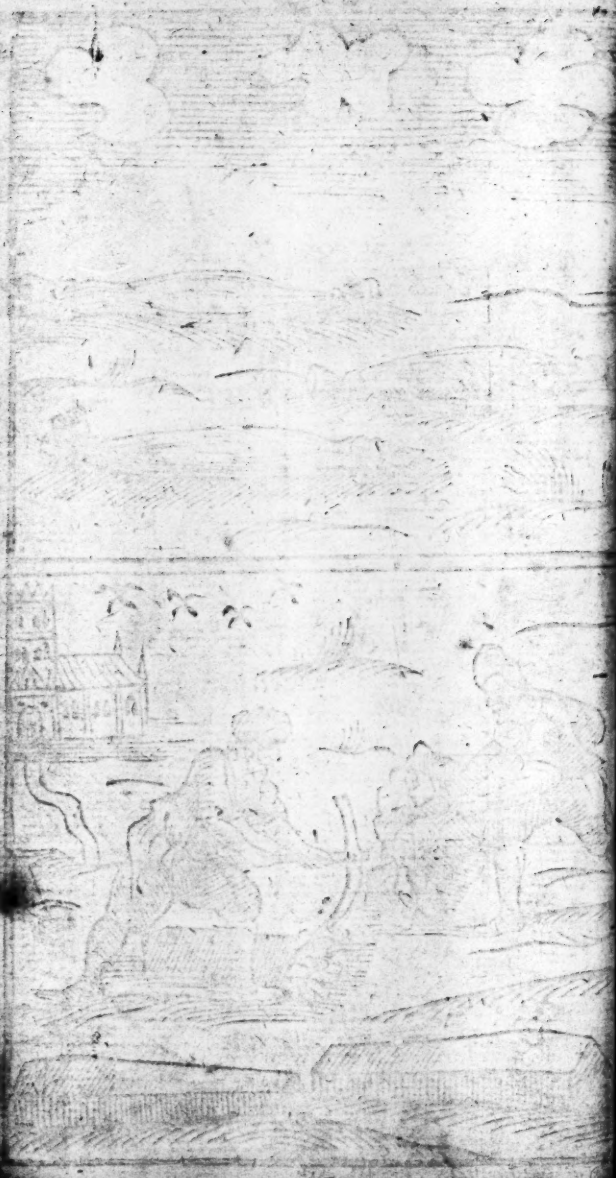














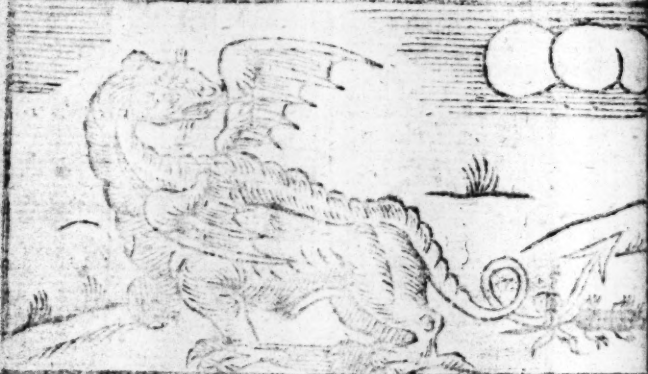




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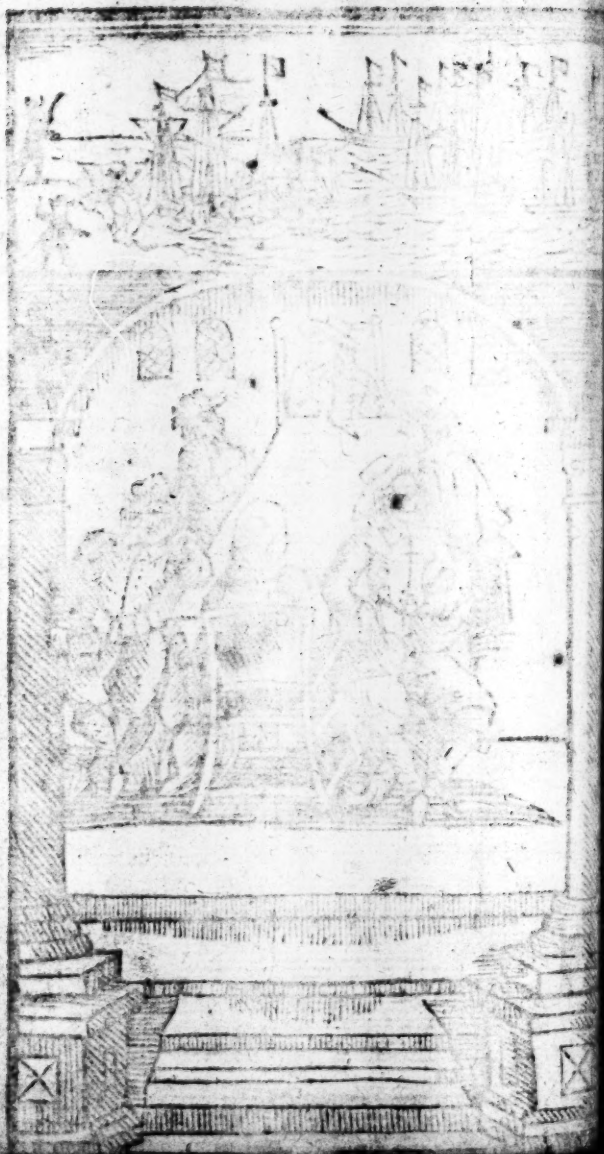




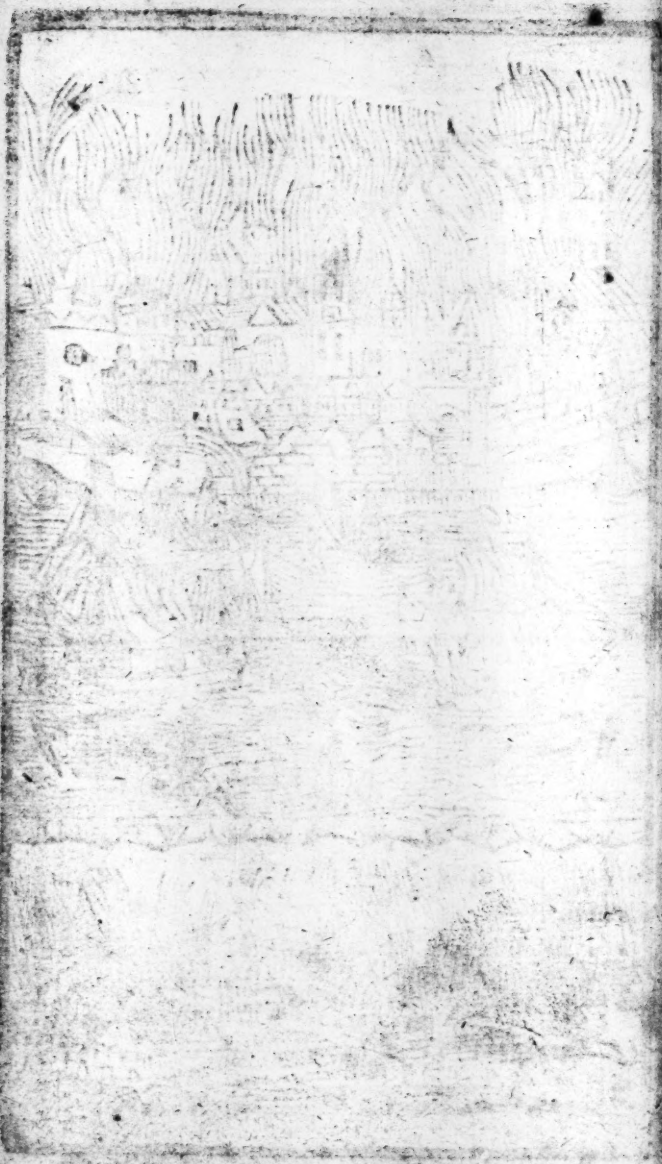


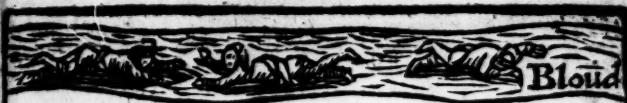


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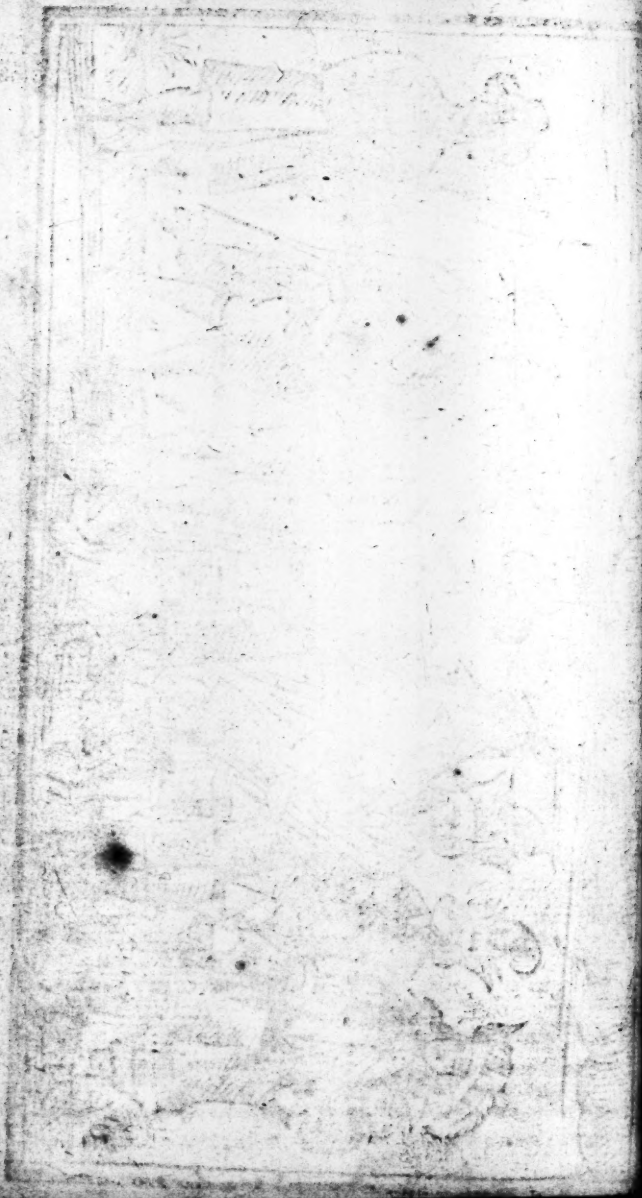
























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*Notes or Observations on the foregoing
Figures, and the Nature of Hiero-
glyphicks in General.*

Egypt (the fruitful Parent of so many
Miracles) has alwayes boasted her
self one of the most *Early Nurses* of
Learning: The *Grecians*, in the Days of *Solon*,
Pythagoras, *Herodotus* and *Plato*, Travel'd
hither for the Knowledge of Nature, and the
Acquisition of those *Sciences*, which rendred
them so famous. But the *Egyptian* Priests,
unto whom it belonged to teach, did never
revulge their Doctrines without a *Shadow*, or
some dark Representation sufficient and very
apt in it self to denote the matter they intend-
ed, many times more significantly than many
words could do, yet not so obvious to be
understood by the vulgar; whereby they I-
magined they kept their *Mysteries* from Pro-
mation: Especially those which related to
their *Gods* and *Nature*, were wrapt up in cer-
tain visible Shapes and Forms of Creatures,
whose Inclinations and Dispositions did lead
to the knowledge of the Truths, intended
for Instruction; and they by a peculiar name
are called *Hieroglyphicks*, derived from the

Two Greek words *ιερος*, *Sacred*; and *γλυφειν* to *Ingrave*; as much as to say, *Holy Inscription*, or *Sacred Engraving*. Because all their Divinity, Philosophy, and choicest Secrets, were comprehended in these ingenious *Characters*.

Nor were they only Contriv'd to hinder the sublime knowledge of Philosophy from being profaned; But also that they might *Abbreviate* the diffused Notions of that Science, and fit them for a more easy Comprehension and better Retention in their Memories. Every Name is an Abbreviation of a Thing, but it is not able to give such a perfect Idea of the Properties and hidden Qualities of the things intimated, as the *Pictures* of them in a witty *Hieroglyphick*. And further the Egyptians by these Inventions had a design to render their Knowledge *Immortal* for which purpose they did Ingrave them upon *Obelisks* and Pillars of Marble, and this long before the use of *Paper*, (an Invention originally too of the same Country, being composed at first of the Flakes of certain Sedg Reeds growing on the Banks of the *Nile*, called *Papyri*, moistned with the glutinous water of the River, then press'd together and afterwards dry'd in the Sun) as is Evident from those Verses of the lofty *Lutheran*

can me I *Levinus* *Non dunt*

*Memphis flumineds Memphis contexere Libros,
 Beverat, in Saxis tantum Volucresque fe-
 raque,
 Nequeque Servabunt Magicas Animalia Lin-
 guas.*

Memphis yet knew not how with Reeds to frame
 Books, but Birds and Beasts Letters became,
 Animals Engrav'd on lasting stone
 Magick Tongues, Learning preserv'd a-
 lone.

Nor did they only exprefs particular
 things and some Secret Knowledge by
 their Hieroglyphicks, but also whole Sentences,
 writing all their Rules and Precepts rela-
 ting to the Worship of their Gods, or to the
 Government of the Kingdom in this manner;
 which will not appear strange or incredible
 to such as have Convers'd in the East-Indies,
 'tis known that there to this day, there
 are three or four Nations whose Languages
 as remote and different as Hebrew and
 Greek, or Latine and Welch, who yet under-
 stand one anothers Writings. So that what
 is written in one Language, the other can
 read in their own, which could not be but by
 their Hieroglyphicks, or Universal Chara-
 cters. An Art commendably attempted of

late amongst us, by the Reverend and Learned *Wilkins*, in his Book on that Subject) representing the shapes of things, which are known to men of all Nations and Tongues. A writing of which Nature was sent to the Learned *Bochartus* from an Eminent person of the Court of *France*, for him to interpret.

But to give the Reader a Taste of this kind of Egyptian Mystery, Take these few instances.

They Represented the *Providence of God* by a *Basilisk*, with an Hawks Head and Eyes, because there is no other Creature full of Spirits and Vigour, or more quick-sighted.

The Power of God they did express by a *Body and three Heads*, (by which one would almost have thought they had some notice of the Trinity) but without either Hands or Feet; because Almighty God governs all things only by his Wisdom and good pleasure, and needs no visible Members to produce his wonders.

To signify the Effects of Gods power in Nature, they painted a man with a Multitude of *Hands*, stretching them out upon the World.

The *World* was sometimes represented as a *round Temple*, because Divine Majesty inhabits it.

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Created it for his own Glory, to receive therein the Adoration and Homage of all Creatures ; because it appears like a large and Beautiful Edifice, excellently well adorned, supported by Gods Power, Covered with the Heavens, and distinguisht into several Apartments. But its Ordinary *Hieroglyphick* was a *Globe*, in which were drawn the Circles of the Zodiack, with the Signs in it, and round about a Multitude of Stars. This *Globe* was supported on the back of a man upon his knees, which were Cover'd with his long Garment, to shew how the World is upheld by Gods Providence, which seems to be Cover'd to the lower Ranks of Creatures with divers Emblems and dark Shadows.

When they intended to point out the continual Mutation of Creatures, and the Change of one Being into another in the World, they used to put a *Snake* representing an *Orb*, biting and devouring its Tail, because the World feeds upon its self, and receives from its self a continual supply of those things that Time Consumes. The same was also an Embleme of the *Year*, because it doth run round ; and where the Old Year ends, the New one begins.

Wisdom, was painted as a Beautiful Woman with four Ears and four Hands, but

with *one* Tongue, which was hid within her Lips, that were shut Close.

Unity was represented by the *Sun* and its Beautiful Beams; Peace and Worldly Felicity by the fruitful *Olive-Tree*; Liberty and Pleasure by the *Vine*; Chastity by Beams; and a Plentiful Encrease, by *Mustard-Seed*, which grows up into many and large Branches.

The Relation between Heaven and Earth was signified by a man, with hands tyed with a *Chain*, that was let down from the Clouds, for there is nothing here below either so great or powerful but it is held by a Secret Chain, by which the Divine Providence can turn and wind it at pleasure.

A furious man, was intimated by a *Lyon* eating up his Prey; A Religious man by a *Lion* running from a *Cock*. A *Whore* by a *Lion* with a *Womans* head, because her Countenance is fair, her Speech most pleasant, and her Allurements powerful, but her Nature fierce and cruel, and she intends only to prey upon both Body and Estate. A Merciful man, was painted having Compassion on a *Lamb* lying at his Feet.

A cunning Selfish Time-server was expressed by an *Hedge-hog*, because this Creature wraps himself up in his own *Warm Down*, and turns out *Prickles* to all the World besides; and also because it hath alwayes two or three holes

Holes where it retreats, and when the wind is cold and boisterous at one hole, it creeps to the other, and thus it changeth its dwelling with the Weather.

A man proud of his Natural or acquired Abilities, was signified by a *Peacock* with beautiful Plumes, in a posture of admiring them, and exposing them to the Sun-Beams.

A *Grashopper* was the *Hieroglyphick* of an *Egyptian Priest* learned in the Mysteries of Heaven: For as the Grashopper deserv'd their Admiration, because it sings so well without a Tongue; so these men that attained to such excellent perfections as the knowledge of God and the Superiour Beings, by dark *Hieroglyphicks* and significant Shadows, did no less require their Wonder and Esteem.

The *Chameleon* denoted an *Hypocrite* that studies to please the times in which he lives, and that can be of any Religion, and take any Impression that will serve his present turn; for it is reported of this Animal that it can change it self into any colour but White and Red.

A *Prophet*, or *Prophecy* was expressed by *Mole*, a Creature that is without eyes, to shew that man is naturally blind, and can have no clear foresight of the time to come, without a Divine Revelation, and then the intricate Events of the future, do appear unto

us with many doubts and dark shadows, which hinder us from a perfect and clear Discovery.

Revenge, was intimated by a *Tyger* devouring an Horse; a good Eye-sight, by a *Lynx*, which is a Beast near of Kin to a Wolf.

A *Lampray* with an Eel was the Hieroglyphick of *Adulterers*, for the *Lampray* is a Fish that seeks the Company of other Fishes of the same shape, for which reason some say that they are venomous, because they joyn themselves with Snakes and other Water-Serpents.

The Head of a man signifies sound Judgment and Wisdom: His Hair cut off, violent Grief or Bondage; If growing, Liberty. The Forehead is the seat of Pride and Impudence. The Eye wide open, the token of Wisdom and Justice, the seat of Contempt, the Throne of Love, and discoverer of other passions of the Soul. The Nose being large, a Mark of quickness of Apprehension, and the Excellency of our Understanding. The Mouth was the Hieroglyphick of Modesty; The Heart of Sincerity; Shoulders, of Strength; The washed Hands, of Innocency; The Right-hand, of Power, Fidelity, and Favour. The Knee expresses Humility and Compassion; The Hand Freedom; a Crown, Dignity; a Scepter Power.

Power ; a Buckler, Defence ; an Arrow,
 speed ; a Spear, War or Valour ; a pair
 of Ballances, Equity ; a Sword, Revenge or
 Cruelty ; A sitting posture intimates Secu-
 rity ; an Answer, Hope ; The Palm and
 Laurel, Emblems of Victory and Honour ;
 The Myrtle, of Pleasure ; The Cedar, of E-
 ternity ; The Oak, of Strength ; the Olive,
 of Fruitfulness ; the Lilly, of Beauty, &c.

But to come nearer our present subject---
 'Tis not infrequent in the Holy Scriptures to
 exprefs Persons, Kingdoms, Judgments, and
 other things to come, after this manner,
Hieroglyphically, by the names of Beasts, Birds,
 &c. So *Judah* was prophesied of, by the name
 of a Lion : *Iffachar*, of an Afs : *Dan*, of a
 Serpent : *Naphali*, of an Hind : and *Benja-*
min, of a Wolf, *Gen.* 49. from the 3d to the
 28th verse. And the Babylonian Monarchy,
 both Heathenish and Mystical *Babylon*, was
 Prophesied of by the name of an *Eagle*, by
 several of the Prophets, as *Jer.* 48. 40. and
 49. *Hos.* 8. 1. *Obad.* 4. and *Hab.* 1. and *Esf-*
dras did Prophesie of it by that name, about
 300 years before ever the Eagle was portray-
 ed in the Roman Ensigns, and became the
 Badge or Arms of that Empire. Which was
 first given by *Marius*, because being a Child, he
 found an Eagles Nest and seven young ones
 therein ; whereupon in his second Consul-
 ship,

Ship, going against the *Cimbri* (the Ancient Inhabitants of *Denmark* and *Holstein*) he caused an Eagle to be pictured in his Standard; Which was afterwards peculiarly affirm'd by the Roman Legions, to shew that they would with as great Courage fall upon and engage the Enemy, as the Eagle on his Prey.

The Holy Books of *Daniel*, and the *Apocalyps*, or Revelations of St. *John* the Divine, do also afford us several Instances of *Monarchies*, *Kingdoms*, and *Calamities*, represented by several Beasts, Vials, Seats Trumpets.

We mention not these Sacred Authors, as intending to compare or Rank these *Hieroglyphicks* here before set down in the several Figures, with those Divine Prophecies: far be it from us to advance any such bold and irreverent Blasphemies; we recite them only to shew, that the shadowing out of future Events in such a way, and under such mysterious Figures, is no novel or upstart Invention, but has long been used in the world.

As to these present *Hieroglyphicks*, we call them Mr. *Lillies*, because by him they were first made publick in the year 1651. But whether by him originally devised, we cannot determine; for as I remember, Mr. *Lilly* himself about 10 years ago, told me, he borrowed them, and was not the first Inventer, but
said

that he knew the right Key or Signification of them, and that he doubted not but Posterity, when Fate should think fit to disclose its My-
 stick Book, and reduce the matters thereby in-
 tended to be prefigured, into Act, would be
 well assured of their Verity. But that they
 are, or ever were, or ought to be accounted the
Hieroglyphicks of *Nostradamus*, I find no Au-
 thority or proof, though it has pleas'd a late
 Author so to call them.

Nor shall I undertake to decipher these ob-
 scure *Hieroglyphicks*, or pretend to acquaint
 the world with the meaning thereof, or when
 each particular is to be fulfilled. The Bur-
 ning of *London* seems very plainly to have
 been one of those Accidents here intended,
 and indeed there are two figures that may
 seem to have respect hereunto; but I am apt
 to believe one of them, *viz.* that where the
Twins (*Londons* Celestial Ascendent, accor-
 ding to *Astrologers*) are tumbling down
 headlong into the Flames, ought to be under-
 stood Metaphorically, as of Heats and Ani-
 mosities industriously spread amongst her
 inhabitants by ill men, to put them into a
 Combustion, and this I am the rather inclined
 to judge, observing two Persons pictured
 pouring in *Fars* of *Oyl* to encrease the
 flames.

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As touching the *Moles* which you will find in many of the Figures very busy; the common opinion is, that they signifie the *Jesuites*, Popish Priests, and other Emissaries of the See of *Rome*, aptly Emblem'd by the *Mole*, as being carryed on with a *blind Zeal*, and managing their mischeivous Intrigues under-Ground, in Masquerade, and without owning publicly their hellish Designs.

I have heard, that Mr. *Lilly*, the more to obscure the Signification, Transpos'd several of the Figures, and did not set them in that Order of *place*, as they were to fall out in respect of *Time*. However we thought fit, punctually to observe his Copy: And so thou hast them just as he first publisht them, without Addition, Diminution, or Alteration.

In the next place, we shall subjoin several antient Predictions, which so long have obtain'd the name of PROPHECIES, that they may now seem to plead Prescription for that Title; Which be pleas'd to take as follows.

The Prophecy of Rabbi Elias, touching the End of the World.

THe words in the Original, as they are deliver'd in the Talmudical Books, and particularly in the Treatise or Section intituled *Havoda Zara*, Cap. 1. are these in Hebrew :

**Tana abe Elihau sefeth Alaphim
sana have Haolam: Sene Alaphim
Tohu: Une Alaphim Thora: Une
Alaphim Jemoth hamas l'hi uba
Habenothema Serabu Jashu meon
Mascias.**

In English thus, *verbatim*.

*Thus said the Sons (or Disciples) of Elias :
The World consisteth of Six Thousand Years ;
Two Thousand years Void, Two Thousand the
Law, Two Thousand the Messias : But for our
sins, which are many, those years of that num-
ber are over-passed, which are over-passed.*

Whether by this *Elias* they would have us understand the Divine Tishbite of that Name, who after so many Miracles, recorded in Sacred

'cred Scripture, done on Earth, was taken up visibly into Heaven; Or whether they intend by it some *Latter Rabbin*, may be question'd, but I the rather think the last: Though 'tis certain this *Prophecy*, or if you please *Declaration*, of *Division* of the Continuance and several Ages of the World, has been all along of great esteem not only amongst the Jews, but also with the most Learned and Famous Doctors of the Christian Church; For both *Lactantius*, *Hierom*, *Hillary*, *Ambrose*, and *St. Augustine* of the Antient Fathers, and also *Melancthon*, *Pencer*, *Postellus*, *Reslyn*, and many other Modern Learned Men, mention it with respect.

The meaning of the first part of the words seem very plain, That the *Duration* of the World shall be the Term of Six Thousand years, which should be divided into three Grand, Intervals, Spaces, Periods, viz. Two Thousand years from the Creation to the giving of the *Law*, (which space of time is here called *Tobu*, void, because the World was then without the written Law, and without the External Ceremonies, which were afterwards Enjoin'd.) Two Thousand years more, under the Law; and the other Two Thousand under the *Messias*. Not that this is to be understood exactly to a year, in each, but 2000, a round Number.

is used for the Number punctual and Certain; and indeed agrees very well with the Truth of Chronology; For from the Creation, to the time of the Institution of Circumcision, (from whence we may properly enough Date the time of the Law, though not fully delivered till diverse years after) there were 2047 years, as may be made appear from Scripture-Calculatation. And from thence to our Saviours Incarnation above 19 hundred years, or very near 2000. But since this Prophecy is Jewish, and in so high an Esteem with that Nation, and does so clearly point out the coming of the *Messiah* to be about the year of the World 4000, and that 'tis notorious, the same is so many ages since past, it may be wondred, why even from hence they should not be Convinced both that the *Messias* is long since come, and that our Lord Christ must needs be He. But such is the obstinate Blindness of that People, that they resolve to persist in their Error and Infidelity, and will rather invent any Evasions than acknowledge the Evident Truth, as appears in this very Case, and will help us to fish out the meaning of those last words of this Prophecy---*But for our Sins, which are many, the years of that Number are over-pass'd which are over-pass'd.* Which words seem to be added to the Prophecy.

phesy it self, by some latter Rabbins; for you must note, That the *Hierusalem-Talmud* being composed above 200 years after Christ, and the *Babylonian-Talmud* 400 years after Christ, in both which this Prophecy is mentioned, The Authors thereof, finding the Term limited already expired, added this Clause to solve the business, and perswade their People that the reason why the Messias was not yet come according to this Prediction, was the Multitude of their Sins which retarded his appearance, and this they give out to be the Cause thereof to this day. Note that *Talmud* signifies as much as *Doctrinale*, *The Book of Doctrine*; and the Books so called, do contain, *Traditions* and *Observations*, which they pretend to have been delivered by God to *Moses*, besides the Law written, and from him to have been brought down from hand to hand amongst the Rabbins, just as the Papiists set up their Traditions as of equal Authority with the Scriptures.

Agreeable to this Cabbalistical Prophecy or Tradition, some Learned men, supposing that by the six days of Creation, mentioned in the first of *Genesis*, The whole Age of the World containing 6000 years, was Mystically and Allegorically shadowed out, To be Interpreted or Deciphered in such sort, that the first

first days work should import or prefigure a certain Resemblance or Type of such future matters and Events, as were performed in the first Thousand years of the World; The second days work of such as should consequently happen in the Second Thousand years, and so forth of the residue, even to the Accomplishment of 6000 years, At which period the Eternal Requies, or Sabbath of the Lord should finally ensue, and gloriously appear; even as after six days Work God stayed or rested at the first, and as now our weekly Sabbath (which is a reverend figure of that great Everlasting Sabbath) doth after every 6 days successively approach. Pursuant, I say, hereunto, they have distributed the several Millenaries, as in this Table.

Days.	Millenaries.	Years.	Governours of each Millenary
<i>Monday.</i>	1.	1000.	<i>ADAM</i> , who died in the Year 930.
<i>Tuesday.</i>	2.	2000.	<i>NOAH</i> , who died in the Year 2005.
<i>Wednesday.</i>	3.	3000.	<i>DAVID</i> , who died in the Year 2929.
<i>Thursday.</i>	4.	4000.	<i>CHRIST</i> , who was Born Anno Mundi 3962. The <i>POPE</i> , who in this period grew to his height, if we may extend it unto <i>Hildebrand</i> , who came to the Chair about 1074.
<i>Friday.</i>	5.	5000.	The <i>MARTYRS</i> , Millions having suffered by Antic-
<i>Saturday.</i>	6.	6000.	
<i>Sunday.</i>	7.	7000.	ETERNITY.

If therefore this Rabbinical Reckoning be to be regarded, let us see about what Year of the World we are in at this present, and how much may be wanting of this Sum Total 6000.

The Birth of our Lord Christ, is placed

By	<i>Chryteaus</i>	In the Year of the World—	3962.
	<i>Mich. Butherus</i>		
	<i>Reniholdus</i>		
	<i>Schubertus</i>		
	&		
	<i>Gunmannus</i>		
By	<i>Funccius</i>	In the Year of the World	3963
	<i>Luther</i>		3960
	<i>Beroaldus</i>		3928
	<i>Mercator</i>		3966
	<i>Bucholzer</i>		3970
	<i>Bibliander</i>		3979
	<i>Card. Bellarmine</i>		3984

So that there is not above 22 years difference amongst them all, except *Beroaldus*: Let us therefore suppose it to be with *Beucholzer*, *Anno Mundi* 3970, adding thereunto 1683, makes 5653 years from the Creation; so that according to this Compute, there should remain but 347 years to the final Conflagration; ~~and~~ in the year of our Lord 2030. But ~~the day and hour knoweth no man~~. And For the Elects sake those days shall be shortned.

To this we think it not improper to add,
 That Prophecy or remarkable Description
 of the End of the World, some
 Thousands of years since delivered in
 Greek Acrostick Verses, the Initial
 Letters making up these words, JESUS
 CHRIST, SON OF GOD THE
 SAVIOUR, delivered by Sibylla E-
 rythrea; and recited by St. Augu-
 stine in the 4th Book, and 23d. Chap-
 ter of his Treatise de Civitate Dei,
 which I shall give you in the words of
 Him who many years since I translated
 that excellent Book into English, as
 followeth.

In Sign of Doomsday the whole Earth shall sweat,
Ever to Reign a King in Heavenly Seat
Shall come to judge all Flesh: The Faithful and
Unfaithful too before his God shall stand.
Corporal shall be lit, and thence extend
His Doom in Souls, The Earth shall quite be wast
Ruin'd, oregrown with Thorns, and men shall cast
Idols away, and Treasure; Searching Fire
Shall burn the ground, and rage with fatal Ire
Through Seas and Skyes, and break Hells
 blackest Gate;

S o shall free Light Salute the Blessed State
 O f Saints; The Guilty lasting Flames shall burn;
 N o Act so hid but thence to Light shall turn;
 N or breast so close, but God shall open wide;
 E ach where shall Cries be heard, and noise
 betide

O f gnashing Teeth, The Sun shall from the Sky
 F ly forth, and Stars no more move orderly.

G reat Heav'n shall be dissolv'd; The Moon
 depriv'd

O f all her Light: places at Height arriv'd
 D epress'd, and Vallies mounted to their Seat,

T here shall be Nought to Mortals High or great
 H ills shall be Level'd with the Plains; The Sea
 E ndure no Burthen; and the Earth as They

S hall perish, cleft with Lightning, every spring
 A nd River burn: The fatal Trump shall bring
 V nto the world from Heav'n a dismal Blast,
 I ncluding plagues to come for ill deeds past.

O ld Chaos through the Scatter'd Mass appears
 U nto this Barr all Kings come Prisoners
 R ivers of flaming Brimstone drown their
 Tears.

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The Learned ALSTEDIUS,
his SPECULUM MUNDI,
and CHRONOLIGT *of the Prophe-*
tick Numbers.

1. God alone hath reserv'd to himself the exact knowledge of future Things; as the incommunicable Prerogative of his Divine Majesty: Therefore, 'tis impossible any man though never so clear-sighted, should compile an accurate Chronology for Time to come, or define the punctual Moments of Futurity; yet is not therefore the Explanation of Prophetick Numbers to be omitted, for since God hath expressed certain Numbers in the Histories and Prophecies of his Word, it would be too great both Sloth and Ingratitude not to weigh, and with reverence and the fear of the Lord, enquire into them.

2. In observing the great Conjunctions or Revolutions of the Planets, as Superstition and over-scrupulous Diligence is not to be approved, so neither is Negligence or Contempt thereof to be allow'd.

3. The Twelfth Chapter of *Daniel* ought to be our Pole-Star in explaining Prophe-
tick Numbers, for there we are led, as by
the hand, from the building of the second
-Temple, to its Destruction: And from the
Destruction thereof, which was *Anno Chri-
sti* 69. by a term of Days he numbers first
1290, and then 1335; that is in all (with
the 69 years which were elaps'd from Christs
Birth, to the overthrow of the Temple)
2694 years: From which if we deduct the
1022 years, *Rev.* 20. 2. we shall be brought to
the year of our Lord 1694. whence we may
gather, that the seven Vials are to be poured
forth at or before that time, or their signi-
fications to continue no longer.

4. The most eminent Mutations from
the year 1600 to 1700, may be gathered
from the Planetary Conjunctions, compa-
red with the Apocalyptical Numbers, which
point out the years—1622, 1625, 1636,
1642, 1683, and 1694.

5. The Comparing of Histories one with
another, the observation of the Stars, and a
diligent Inspection into the manners of men,
do much conduce towards our predicting of
the Catastrophe's of humane things.

6. Those Philosophers that are more skillfull in Astronomy, reckon four Monarchies, not according to the Prevalency of Kingdoms, but according to the four Coasts of the World. The first was of the *East*, being the *Assyrians*: The second *Southern*, that of the *Persians* and *Greeks*: The third *Western*, of the *Romans*: The fourth of the *North*, which God shall shortly set up in the Norrthern-parts by the *Lion of the North*, to the great Amazement of those who slight the *Divine Apocalypse*, and that *Harmony* which here we are pointing at.

7. The 1000 years mentioned in the Twentieth Chapter of the *Revelations*, shall begin about the year 1694, and end 2694; during which time *Satan* shall be bound, but afterward being let loose for a small time, he shall stir up *Gog* and *Magog*; that is, the professed Enemies of the Church, against the Saints; But shall be suddenly overcome, and then our Lord Christ shall come in Glory to put an end to this World.

Annus Mundi Mirabilis ; Or, A Prediction of the last Ages of the World : Enigmatically delivered in 12 Months, representing so many notable Periods, or Catastrophes, which shall certainly happen in those times. Publisht many Tears ago, by LILLY.

JANUARY.

A shower of Blood shall rain continually for one hours space, in a certain Land of Europe ; That Region, or the People thereof, shall first come to destruction.

FEBRUARY.

All Nations troubled with rumours of Wars, every Region preparing Armies, and Mustering Men, Traffique generally prohibited or obstructed, by Land and Sea, each Country being inforced to live of their own stock and commodities.

MARCH.

The main Sea shall hugely swell with mighty Tempests and Winds, so that the Banks being overthrown, the Waves shall in many

many places overflow their accustom'd bounds, and cause Universal Innundations. One *Island* shall be quite overflown with the Sea, where the double Croſs hath Government, the ſins of the Prince or Rulers thereof being ſo extream high againſt the Maieſty of God.

A P R I L.

A terrible Sea-fight, ſuch as hath not been before, occaſioning the water to look more red than the Red Sea, the water all turned to Blood. *England!* thou wilt have a ſhare in this Fight, God of his great goodneſs make thee victorious; After a hard Fight thou ſhalt overcome.

M A Y.

Warr and Bloodſhed over all the Earth: A certain Nation ſhall ſend ſo many Men to the Warrs, that it ſhall for a time be even deſolate of Men, ſo that twelve Women ſhall be glad of one Man: Nay, hardly procure one Young-man for them all.

J U N E.

In the Eaſtern parts of the World, a whole Nation

Nation shall Fight a great Battel in a wrong cause, and defend an Evil Man; but the vengeance of God will rain down a shower of Fire from the Throne of Heaven, and consume that Army wholly with all their Wealth and Treasures, even as they lie in their Tents, &c.

J U L Y.

So great a drought, so great a want of water will appear, that multitudes of People shall dye in many places for meer want of water, Souldiers shall not be able for heat to carry their Arms. The Earth shall be so dry and so parched with the Suns hot beams, that it shall yield no fruit to feed Cattle.

A U G U S T.

Great Plagues and Mortality will cover the whole Face of the Earth, and so destroy Mankind, that there will not be sufficient Labourers to get in Harvest, or the Fruits of the Earth. In this Month such swarms of noy-some Fowls and Flies shall come from the East, as they shall devour the Corn on the Ground, the Fruit on Trees, that all shall be barren: Men living in those times and in

this

this Month, shall have more sorrow, and more woes, and more famine, and distress, than was in *Jerusalem*, when *Titus* besieged it.

S E P T E M B E R.

The season of this Month will be so unnatural and the Earth so unfit for Tillage, that all manner of Cattle will rot on the ground, which will breed such store of Flies and Vermin, that the Earth will be empoysoned, and receive no fruit to encrease.

O C T O B E R.

A great Famine and Dearth of Corn will over-spread most Nations of *Europe*, so that the Child shall starve at the Mothers Breasts, the Mother having no food to nourish her self or Child.

N O V E M B E R.

One appears suddenly and unexpectedly a great Conquerour, the World filled with the Fame of this Man, who suddenly like *Augustus*, gives Peace unto the whole Earth.

D E C E M.

D E C E M B E R.

All Warrs end, Religion truely Preached
 Universally over the World, a General Peace,
 no more Treason or Rebellion. Not long af-
 ter the Trumpet Sounds, and Christ appears.

An Antient Prophecy of *Sybella Tibur-*
tina, found in the Year 1520. in
 the Bowels of the Mountain *Tau-*
rus in *Switzerland*, after a great In-
 undation of waters which broke
 down part of that Mountain, and
 left discovered in the Ruins, the
 following words, fairly Engraven
 upon a large Marble Stone, in very
 Old *Latin Characters* and *Stile*, as
 follows:

O Rietour sydous in Europa soupra Iberos,
 ad magnam septentrionis Domum; cojus
 Radij orbem terrarum ex improvise illustrabunt.
 Hoc vero erit tempore desideratissimo, quo
 Mortalis positis Armis pacem Onanimeis com-
 plectantur. Certabitur quidem varieis per diou-
 tourni Interregni occasionem studius, cui Imperii
 habena tradantur. Sed vincet tandem aviti san-
 guinas

*quinas propago, quæ eousque Armorum vi progredi-
diator, donec fata contraria fatis obstiterint.
Nam eodem fere tempore hoc demorso Sydere, co-
eum quoddam ejous Loumen longe ardentioribus
mavortis ignibous exardescens, Antipodum fini-
bus occludet Imperium.*

*At prius hunc Soumittet cervices Gallia. Ad
ejous genoua Soupplex adnabit classibus Bri-
cannia ; Italia egre ad ardua Sceptra respirans,
alli languentem portendet dexteram. Verum
hocce joubar ante diem ingenti mortalium deside-
rio se diuum nonbibous condet.*

*Quo extincto, post deiras & sanguinolentas
Cometas, ignivomasque cali facies, nihil ampli-
ous toutum, Salutarene erit, Osque animanti-
bous cæli Firmamentum pignantibusque plane-
tiis, & contrariis corsibous labefactabitur ;
concurrent orbibous orbeis, Fixa cursu antever-
tent erratitas, equabunt aquora montes ; Hec
omnia denique erunt Nox, Interitus, Ronina,
Dampnatio, ac ceterai Tenebrai.*

In English, Thus :

A Star shall arise in Europe over the Iberi-
ans, towards the great House of the
North, whose Beams shall unexpectedly en-
lighten the whole World.
This shall be in a most desired time, when
Mortals

' Mortals wearied with Wars shall Unani-
 ' mously desire Peace. They shall strive in-
 ' deed by occasion of a Long-lasting *Interreg-*
 ' *num*, with various studies which shall obtain
 ' the Reignes of Empire. But at last, the Off-
 ' spring of the Antient Blood shall overcome,
 ' and proceed victoriously by force of Arms,
 ' until resisted by contrary Fates. For about
 ' the same time, this Star being set, another
 ' Coeval Light blazing with more Ardent
 ' Flames of War, shall spread his Empire even
 ' to the Coasts of the *Antipodes*.

' But first, *France* shall submit her Neck
 ' to his Yoak, and *Brittany* suppliant in Ships,
 ' shall cast her self at his Feet; *Italy* faintly
 ' breathing towards Scepters so high, shall
 ' stretch out to him her Languishing Hand.
 ' But this bright Beam before his time, shall,
 ' with the vast desire of men abscond himself
 ' in the Clouds of the Gods.

' Who being extinct, after direful and
 ' bloody Comets, and flashings of Fire seen in
 ' the Heavens, there shall remain nothing for
 ' the future safe or healthy amongst Men:
 ' The Firmament of Heaven shall be dissol-
 ' ved, and the Planets be opposed in contra-
 ' ry courses, the Sphæars shall jostle one a-
 ' mongst another, and the fixed Stars move
 ' faster than the Planets; The Seas swell as
 ' high as the Mountains, and nothing remain
 ' but

but Night, Destruction, Ruine, Damnation,
and Eternal Misery.

This antient Prophecy is recited by *Cornelius Gemma*, in his Treatise of *Supernatural Apparitions*, and taken notice of by several other good Authors; As particularly by the incomparably-Learned *Tycho Brahe*, in his discourse on the New Star that appeared *Anno 1572.* who thus expresses his Judgment of it.—There were (saith he) divers Expositions of this Prophecy, at the time when it was first found out, some interpreting it of *Charles the Fifth*, others drew the meaning of it to *Philip King of Spain*, and some thought the King of *France* was meant thereby; but I think that it doth rather point out those *Iberi*, who inhabit Northward toward *Muscovia*. So that this Oracle of *Sybilla Tiburtina*, did not denote the *Spaniards*, but those *Iberians*, which are near unto the *Muscovites*; especially when she useth these words, *Supra Iberos ad Magnam Septentrionis Domum*; Over the *Iberi* towards the great House of the North. And truly *Muscovia*, *Scythia*, and *Tartaria*, do make a great part of *Europe*, so that it may well be called the great House of the North; And therefore, since this unusual Star did cast its Perpendicular Beams and Influences on the Country of *Muscovia*, it is not to be doubted

ed but that this Star, together with that Tract
of Land, doth agree with the *Sybilline Oracle*.

Thus that Noble Dane, a Person so Famous,
that our King *James* at his Being in *Denmark*,
went to his Castle of *Uraniberg*, to visit him,
and made these *Verses* in his *Commendation*,

*Quod temere est ausus Phaeton, vel præstat Apollo
qui regit Ignivomus Æthere anhelus equos:
Plus Tycho, cuncta Astra regis, tibi cedit Apollo,
Charus & Urania es Hospes, Alumnus, Amor.*
JACOBUS REX.

What *Phaeton* dar'd, or what's by *Phæbus* done,
to Rule the Fiery Horses of the Sun?
More *Tycho* doth, he Rules the Stars above;
and is *Urania's* Favourite and Love.

This same *Tycho* in the Treatise before ci-
ted, hath also some Expressions, which we
may call Prophetick; As having spoken of a
Glorious and Happy Age to be in the end
portended by that Star, and having started an
Objection, that some might say, *That the
Light of the Gospel and Purity of Religion, doth
now shine out clearly, having already overcome
the darkness of (Papal) Error.* He shapes an
Answer thereunto, in these words, — 'If it
were so, whence then are those Controver-
sies, and varieties of Opinions defended by
Learned

Learned Men, insomuch that the War
 of Pens, is more dangerous than that of
 Swords? Truly (saith he) it is rather to be
 feared, lest we take this Dawning and Break
 of Day, to be the clear Noon-light. There-
 fore, I suppose that this Star doth signifie,
 that there shall be a new change, both in
 Religion, and the Estate of Humane Affairs;
 of which we may say, — *Ventum ad supre-*
mun est, patiuntur summa Ruinam; Qui Deus
in Cælis regit, & reget omnia Terris.

We are come now to the highest perfection,
 the power of Antichrist and the Pope shall
 decay, and be brought to ruin; And God who
 ruleth in Heaven, shall also rule all things on
 Earth.

But if any do object, That the end of the
 World is at hand, and that therefore there
 will not be sufficient time to bring about a
 new change. I Answer, That St. Paul doth
 assure us, That the Jews shall again be in-
 grafted into the Church before the final
 Consummation of the World, which (by
 Humane Conjecture) must needs require
 some time before, they being scattered over
 the whole Face of the Earth, shall be ga-
 thered into one Nation. And impossible
 it is, to limit and set forth a certain time for
 the Consummation of the World, which
 only dependeth upon the good will and
 pleasure

'pleasure of God, and is not revealed to the
 'Angels: and therefore, cannot be known
 'by any Humane Prescience.

'But if some do suppose, that the Tract
 'of Land to which this Star was Vertical, is
 'Ominous above the rest, as if from thence
 'the occasion and Author of so great Muta-
 'tions are to be expected, we must then chuse
 'out those parts of the Earth, which had the
 'New Star in their Meridian at the time of
 'the New Moon, next following; which
 'fell out (accounting the time by our Meri-
 'dian) upon the 15th. of November, 7 hours
 '13 minutes, *post meridiem*. To which,
 'we apply the Latitude or distance from the
 'Equinoctial agreeable to the declination of
 'the Star, which was in 61; the place on the
 'Earth answerable thereunto, must needs be
 'Russia or Muscovia, especially that part there-
 'of, which is joyned unto Finland; For in
 'that Tract of Earth, this New Star in the
 'New Moon following, was in their Zenith
 'just over their Heads, where it stood equa-
 'ly distant from the Horizon, and with
 'Right-Angled Aspect, beheld this Country.
 'Therefore, if this Position of the Star
 'do point out the place of the Earth, from
 'whence these events shall arise, Muscovy
 'seems especially to be design'd, before any
 'other Regions, which are situated toward

the North, to whom this New Star was e-
 very day Vertical; whether therefore, the
 first occasions of so great disturbances and
 mutations shall arise from hence, which af-
 terward shall be sowed and dispersed into o-
 ther parts of the World, I leave to be pe-
 remptorily decided by others. But verily,
 that *Gogus*, whereof mention is made in the
 38 Chap. of *Ezekiel*, and to whom *Isaiah*
 Ca. 17. 56. and Chap. 5. doth allude, and
 with whom *Magog* is named in the *Revela-*
tions Ca. 20. may be rightly understood of
 the *Muscovite*, as *Castellio* hath interpreted
 it on the 38 and 39 of *Ezekiel*; That *Gog*
 should be the Leader of the *Muscovites* and
Iberians, because the Old Translation reads
 it, That he should be the Prince of *Mosoch*
 and *Thubal*, for seeing the *Hebrews* read it
Mesekh, and the *Greeks* and *Latin* Interpre-
 ters do read it *Mosoch*, it is probable that the
Muscovites are signified hereby, or else by
 this name, the whole Northern Tract of
 Land is included.

So that 'tis very likely, that *Muscovia* is
 Principally denoted by this Star, and *Gogus*
 their Leader, of whom it is foretold by the
 Sacred Prophets, and the *Revelation*, That
 having made great slaughter in *Europe*, he,
 at last with his whole Army shall be over-
 thrown, and so the Earth disburthen'd of

her wicked Inhabitants; For it is probable,
 That there must be a great cleansing and
 extirpation of all Earthly Impurities, before
 that peaceable and happy Age (whereof
 the Prophets have spoken) shall happen.
 Thus far the words of that Great and Judici-
 ous Astronomer.

The Propheſie of *Paul Grebmar* of *Sne-
 bergh* in *Misnia*, delivered by him
 with other things in *Manuscript*, to
Queen Elizabeth, in the Year 1582.
 Obtained from her by *Dr. Nevil*,
 Clerk of the Cloſet, and preſented
 to *Trinity College Library*, where to
 this day it remains. This being
 an Atteſted Copy out of that Ori-
 ginal.

Romano Sceptro & diademate ab Austria-
 ca, Domo Fatali Neceſſitate depoſito &
 ablato, eaque a Germanis & exteris Gallis,
 Anglis, Danis, & Suecis, hinc inde conſuemi-
 bus oppreſſa, horribilis inde cruenta ac aterrima
 pugna exorietur, qua Univerſa Europa graviſſi-
 me concuſſa contremiſcat, & varie dilaterata, &
 vaſtata inſignibus mutationibus phœnix erit.

Ad eam pugnam & ad faciendas Irruptiones
 in Pomeranorum, Megapolenſium, & Dano-
 rum,

rum, Provincias hujus temporis Rex Sueciæ
 invitabitur, Scriptis atrocium Romanæ sedis
 Legatorum, quibus si ille obtemperaverit, socius
 belli sed male & inauspicate fit, ipsi propinquitate
 conjunctissimus. Quamobrem Suadeo Sue-
 tiam in eo statu quo eam acceperit, relinquat.
 Sic ipse, stirps, & posterij ejus tranquille pace &
 quiete fruentur, suis contenti quibus imperant
 ditionibus, gentem & subditos suos reservabunt,
 & sibi divinitos in Officio retinebunt. Si vero
 secum corde suo constituet populum suum per sua-
 dere, ac in devia abducere, Dominus eum e me-
 dio tollet. Et sic e Carolo Magnus, Carolus
 Regnans fit, qui Magno Successu & Fortuna,
 Septentrionalibus Populis dominabitur. Et fe-
 liciter Classe sua contra Hispanicam potentiam
 & Tyrannidem, ac eorum Classem seu Arma-
 dam, ut Hostis pugnabit. Et una cum Christia-
 nis junctibus viribus fortiter & acriter dimica-
 bit; Deus autem Regis conjugem positam ex
 hac vita evocat, unde pontifex Romanus Mag-
 num concipit, terrorem, qui postea Magis in gra-
 vescebat cum Carolus Rex ipse Antichristo sese
 opponit, eique adversatur, Et Germanorum ac
 Vicinorum manui & Robori suas copias conjun-
 git, & oppugnat Hispanicum Diadema. Et
 tunc Succus felicissimo Successu, Classe & suo
 Populo terra marique in Hostem utitur.

The *English*.

A Fatal Necessity having taken or torn away from the House *Austria*, The *Roman Scepter* and *Diadem*, and after an Oppression of the same *Austrian House*, as well by the *Germans*, as by Forraigners, *French*, *English*, *Danes*, and *Sweeds*, making their Incursions on every side; there shall arise an horrid bloody and sharp Contest, wherewith all *Europe* shall shake and tremble, and being several ways divided, torn in pieces, and laid waste, shall be Obnoxious to many Signal Mutations.

A *Sweedish King* then Reigning, shall, by the Writings of the Wicked Emislaries of the *See of Rome*, be invited and stirred up to that quarrel, and to break in upon *Pomerane*, *Mechlenburg*, and some Provinces belonging to *Denmarke*; Whereunto if he harken, he unseasonably and very unfortunately becomes involv'd as an *Allie* or *Confederate* in a War with one that is very nearly related to him. And therefore, I advise him to leave *Sweeden* in the same State he found it; So shall He, and his Family, and Posterity, in peace and quietness enjoy those Dominions, over which contented they Reign, and preserve in good Order the Kingdom, and retain his

his Subjects devoted to his Interests in due Obedience. But if he shall imagin in his mind to pervert his People, and lead them aside out of the way, the Lord shall cut him off by Death. And then *Charles* of *Charles*, or from a *Charles*, a great *Charles* comes to Raign; who with great Success and Prosperity, shall govern the Northern parts of the World. And shall, with his *Fleet*, happily oppose the Power and Tyranny of the *Spaniard*, and engage their *Navy* or *Armado*; And after a Conjunction of his Forces with the States of *Christendome*, he shall win a difficult cruel Battel.

But God doth take out of this Life, the *Poish Wife* of the King, whence the *Pope* of *Rome* shall be much troubled; whose Terror shall afterwards increase, when King *Charles* himself shall set himself against *Antichrist*, and prove a profest Adversary unto him, and joyning his forces with the *German Troops*, and others of his Neighbours, shall pull down the *Spanish Diadem*. In those days shall the *Sweed* be very successful against the Enemy, both by Sea and Land.

Another Prophecie of the same Author,
Vexillum. 238.

Bohemia doth feel Tumults and Warlike noises, with a great falling away of her People

People; and at that time the last *Cesar* of the House of *Austria*, shall put on the Nose of the Elector of *Saxony*, *Spanish* deceitful and treacherous Spectacles; The Nature of which at last he knows, and by experience is taught, That these Spectacles of the House of *Austria* are vain encouragements, or flattering glowing words, wicked and treacherous practises. If he goes on further to give credit to them, he shall cast headlong himself, wife, and children, and all *Christendom*, into pernicious destruction, whence the People of *Rome* shall rejoyce, and fall into a loud laughter.

But the Lord doth raise up an Elector, which shall throw down and root out the *Roman Antichrist* in his Dominions, with all her Members and Abbetters: In this violent, precipitate, tumult raging, like the Sea in a tempest, and in the despair of the *Roman Caesar*, the Exiles of all the Kings and Princes of *Europe*, the *Bavarians*, *Bohemians*, *Burgundians*, the *French*, and the *Portugals*, shall be restored to their former Estates and Liberties, and a Noble stout *Bohemian* Lord doth possess and recover his Jurisdictions, by the meeting together of Armies, and their Dissipation; These being expell'd shall seek their recovery, and their Heirs contend and labour, that by the bounty of the new Emperour of *Germany*, they may be set again in the place of their Ancestors. There

There arises a new Fortunate *Bohemian Zisca*, who shall break the Heads of the *Jesuits* in *Germany*, and drive them out of *Austria*; who shall subdue to himself the *Bohemians*, &c. all the Tract through *Austria*, and *Pannonia*, even as far as *Constantinople* it self. Therefore, 'tis meet and requisite, that a glittering precious Diadem be set upon the head of this *Teutonic Zisca*; who is the head of the stock, a great and valiant Warriour, that comes of the stock of *Mars* the Sixth. He shall rule victoriously, and do these famous things, happily finishing them with his other *Tribunes* and *Captains*.

After these *Revolutions*, a subtile exercised Interpreter of the *Revelation* of *St. John*, may more easily be understood, and better decipher the same; The *Nineties* being past by little and little, between the *Six Hundred* and *Six Years*. Then shall be a most lively Explanation of those things which *Ezekiel* and *Daniel* have *Prophesied* of the last Act of the *Old Age* of the *World*.

A Prophecy recited by Mr. LILLY,
in the Year 1651. relating to
the French Nation.

A Certain Prince, as Religious as a *Turk*, shall overspread that Peoples most fruit-

fruitful Territories, and Wars and Dissolutions will be occasioned by the unruly Nobility, who by their Civil Dissentions, shall occasion the ruin of the *French Monarchy*. And if you will know near the time of this great Mutation, It shall be when a certain King, call'd *Henry*, is twice made a King, and a Duke of *Florence* turned *Protestant*.

Rex Franciæ depelleter a suis finibus, a propriis subditis, exercebit enim in eos Tyrannidem in Gentem, & contra Ecclesiam Christi, instigatus ab Episcopis & Pontificibus, qui proditorie aperta pecunia oppugnati, eum seducunt & tradent: Ipse vero vilebitur hoc facere ingratiæ Affinibus. Verum cum fuerit amotus & falsus solus relinquetur in auxilio, ab his in quibus erat confisus, In fine autem. Secundi Incursus hoc fiet, sic Pendet Clipeus in stipite.

The *French King* shall be driven out by his own People, For he will exercise very great Tyranny both against his Subjects, and the Church of Christ, being instigated or stirred up thereunto by the Bishops and Romanists: who being bribed with mony, shall Trayterously seduce and betray him. This he shall seem to do in favour of his Kingdom or Allies, but when he shall be removed and deceived, he shall be left all alone in

annihilation, abandon'd by those that he con-
 sidered in; This shall happen towards the end
 of the second Incurse, so the Shield hangs on
 the Fire-brand.

The Mahumetans very near that time
 shall possess Venice, and the Northern Eagle
 knock down the Nests of Monks and Fryars in
 Germany, and the Hollander be brought to Re-
 pentance, their Country at once drowned with
 Water, Blood, and Tears.

A Prophecy of the Downfall of the Tur-
 kish Empire, delivered by some of their
 own Diviners, in the Persian Language,
 as followeth :

Atissahomoz ghetur : ciaferum memleketi
 alur, kenzul almai alur ; Kapzeiter jediy
 ladeigh giaur kelecı esiknasse, on ikiyladegh on-
 aron. Beghlig eder, eusi japar, baghi dikers,
 abusai baghlur, oglikezi olur. Onichi ylden-
 ora Hristrianon kelecı ofıchar, ol Turchi ghere-
 tine tus chure.

The English.

Our Monarch shall come, He shall dispos-
 sess the Unbelieving Prince of his King-
 dom: He shall subdue the Red Apple, and
 make it yield to his Government. And if
 happily

happily the Christian Sword prevail not unto the Seventh Year, he shall over-rule them unto the Twelfth Year: He shall build Castles, plant Vineyards, and fortify his Gardens with Walls: He shall increase in issue: But after the aforesaid Twelfth Year, the Sword of the Christians shall approach, which shall put the *Turks* to flight, utterly vanquishing and destroying them.

This Prophecy I find recited in a Treatise, Intituled, A discursive Problem concerning Prophecies, by John Harvey, Physician of Kings-Lyn in Norfolk, (who appears by that work to have been a very Learned and Great-read Man) Published in the Year 1580. But when or by whom, the same was Originally Communicated to the World, I have not been able to learn.

Truswell's Prophecy.

THe following Prophecy is ancient, but who was the certain Author, I am no more able to assure, than what will be the certain event. However, let this suffice, That 'tis credibly reported to have been found in the Ruins of a Religious House, at or near *Lincoln*, and given to one Mr. *Truswell*, at that time Recorder of that City, from whom it now borrows the Name, and goes under

under the Title of Mr. Truswells Prophecy
 the Recorder of Lincoln. It was Writ in an
 obscure and Barbarous Latin, which does in
 some measure shew the Antiquity of it, and
 that it was penn'd in those Ages, when Learn-
 ing was at so low an Ebb, that the High Wa-
 ter-mark of it did not run above a sort of
 Gothick Latin; All beyond which was the
 Hercules Pillars, as they thought, with the
 Ne plus ultra Inscribed upon them, of *Græcum
 non potest legi.*

The Prophecy.

*Illum manebit in meliori parte, & movebi-
 tur contra Semen Leonis. Et stabit ex
 una parte inter spinas Regni sui, cujus Regnum
 in Terra Lunæ, per totum Orbem tremendum.
 Veniet Filius hominis, ferens feras in Bra-
 chiis, cum multitudine Populi, transibit multas
 aquas, & veniet in Terram Leonis, auxilium
 parens a Bestiis terræ suæ. Veniet Aquila ex
 Oriente, aliis expansis Radius filii hominis. Et
 hoc anno Castra super Thamesin peribunt, &
 magnus erit Timor in toto Orbe, & in quadam
 parte Terræ. Magna prælia erunt inter multos
 Reges. Et in illo die erit pugna cruenta in qua
 unus perdet Coronam suam; de qua Coronabi-
 tur Filius hominis. Et quarto anno multa erunt
 & fide certamina; Caput mundi erit ad Ter-
 ram. Filius hominis & Aquila elevabuntur:*
 Et

Et tunc erit pax in Terris Universalis. Et accipiet filius hominis mirabile signum. Et erit magna frugum abundantia, & ibi in terram Cis.

The English.

THe Lilly shall remain in the better part, and he shall be moved against the Sea of the Lyon. And he shall stand on one part amongst the Thorns of his Kingdom, whose Kingdom is the Land of the Moon, which is to be dreaded throughout the World. And there shall come the Son of Man, bearing the Wild Beasts in his Arms, with a Multitude of People. He shall pass many Waters, and shall come to the Land of the Lyon, looking for help from the Beasts of his own Country. Then shall there come an Eagle out of the East, and his Wings spread with the Beams of the Son of Man. And in that Year shall be destroyed Castles upon the Thorns, and there shall be great fear over all the world, and especially in one part of the Land. There shall be great Battels amongst many Kingdoms. In that day shall be the Bloody Field, in which the Lilly shall lose his Crown, wherewith the Son of Man shall be Crown'd, and in the next Year, many Battles shall be fought for Faith. The Head of the World shall be brought down to the Dust. And the Son

Man with the Eagle shall be exalted. And there shall be an **Universal Peace** over all the **World**. And the *Son of Man* shall receive a wonderful sign. And there shall be great plenty of all Fruits of the Earth. And he shall go into the Land of the Cross.

The Prophecy of Malachy (a Popish Saint) declaring the Number, and some marks of all the Popes that shall be hereafter, together with the final destruction both of Popery, and the City of Rome.

THis *Malachy* was Archbishop of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, and of the *Cistercian Order* of *Monks*, a Contemporary with *St. Bernard*, and very intimate with him about the year 1140: He pretending to the gift of *Fore-sight*, undertook by certain *Hieroglyphical* descriptions, to give an account of all and every the *Popes* that should be from his time to the *Worlds end*: or at least until the utter subversion of the *Papacy*. All which I find both recited, and as far as then was accomplished, explained, and by application found to be very true and significant, in an *Appendix* to a Book, Intituled, *Flores Historici*, written by *Johannes de Bussieres*, a French *Jesuit*, about the year 1655.

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To recite all the old Ones from the year 1143, would be both tedious and impertinent, being so long past ; those that are curious may find them in the Author just now cited : Only to give the Reader a Taste, that he may the better apprehend the Humour of this Irish Pope-fortune-teller, I shall give you his *Symbols*, and their *Explications*, for above One hundred years past, and also all those that are to come ; and I will begin at the year 1550.

The Prophecy.	Popes Names.	The year of our Lord and Explanation.
<i>De Corona Montana</i> , the Mountain and Crown,	<i>Julius</i> the Third.	An. 1550. He was called before he came to the Popedom, <i>John</i> of the Mountain, and his Arms were Mountains and Crowns of Laurel.
<i>Frumentum Flocidum</i> , Bread-corn suddenly perishing.	<i>Marcellus</i> Second.	1555. He had a blade of Wheat in his Arms, therefore said to be suddenly perishing, because he continued a very little while in the Popedom.
<i>De Fide Petri</i> , Of the Faith of Peter.	<i>Paul</i> the Fourth.	1555. His name was <i>Peter de Carafe</i> , which signifies as much as <i>Peter</i> , Of the dear Faith.

Æschlapii Pharmaceutum, The Medicine of the Physician.

Pius the Fourth.

1560. He was before called *Johannes Medicus*, John the Physician.

Angelus Nemorosus, the Angel of the Wood.

Pius the Fifth.

1560. Call'd before *Michael Boschi*, Michael Wood.

Medium Corpuscularum, a middle body of Balls.

Gregory the Thirteenth

1572. His Arms, the middle of a Dragon and was made Cardinal by *Pius* the 4th, who had the Balls in his Arms.

Axis in Medietate signi, the Axle-tree in the midst of a Sign.

Sixtus the Fifth.

1583. His Arms an Axle-tree in the midst of *Leo*.

De Rore Cæli, from Heavens Dew.

Urban the Seventh.

1590. He was Archbishop in *Calabria*, where Manna is gathered.

Ex Antiquitate Urbis, from a City of Antiquity.

Gregory the Fourteenth.

1590. Of *Milain*.

Pia Civitas in Bello, a City pious in War.

Innocent the Ninth.

1590. Of *Bortonia*.

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Crux Romulea, the
Roman Cross.

Clement the
Eighth.

1592. His Arms a tri-
ple oblique Papal
Cross.

Undosus vir; A
man gone as
soon as a Wave.

Leo the
Eleventh.

1605. He continued
but Four and twen-
ty days.

Gens perversa, a
perverse people.

Paul the
Fifth.

1605. In his days the
Bobemians rose against
the House of *Austria*,

whom our Author will have to be the perverse Nation;
but why not rather the *Venetians*, with whom this Pope
had great Broils.

In tribulatione
Pacis, in the
work of Peace.

Gregory the
Fifth.

1621. As soon as he
was made Cardinal,
he was sent by *Paul*
5th. Legate to *Spain*,
& concluded a peace

between the Duke and the King of *Spain*, and soon after
was chosen Pope.

Lilium a Rosa,
the Lilly and
Rose.

Urban the
Eighth.

1623. A Florentine,
which City is so cal-
led from *Flowers*, and
has a Rose in its
Arms.

Jucunditas Cru-
cis, the joy of the
Cross.

Innocent the
Tenth.

1644.

Montium Custos,
the Keeper of
the Mountains.

Alexander
the 7th.

Sidonius

Sidus Olorum, the
Constellation of
Swans.

Clement the
9th.

Rospigliosi, he had the
Star and Swan in his
Arms.

De Flumine mag-
no, of the great
River.

Clement the
10th.

Altieri, born at the
time of a great Inun-
dation of the River
Tyber.

Bellua insatiabi-
lis, an insatiable
Beast.

Innocent
11th.

Odiscalchi the pre-
sent Pope, called an
insatiable Beast, be-
cause of his great
covetousness.

The *Symbols* or *Hieroglyphicks* of all the
Popes in order that shall be here-
after.

P*oenitentia glorio-* A glorious Penitent.
sa,

Rastrum in Porta ,

A rake in the Gate.

Flores circumdati,

Flowers encompassing

De bona Religione,

Of a good Religion.

[I wish we might see such a
Pope once!]

Miles in Bello,

A Souldier in War.

Columna excelsa,

A lofty Pillar.

Animal rurale,

A rural Animal.

Rosa Umbriae,

A Rose of *Umbria*.

<i>Visus uelox,</i>	A quick sight.
<i>Peregrinus Apostolicus,</i>	An Apostolical Pilgrim.
<i>Aquila rapax,</i>	A ravenous Eagle.
<i>Canis & Coluber,</i>	A Dog and a Snake.
<i>Vir Religiosus,</i>	A Religious man.
<i>De Balneis Hetruria,</i>	From the Baths of Tuscany.
<i>Crux de Cruce,</i>	Cross of Cross.
<i>Lumen de Cælo,</i>	A light from Heaven.
<i>Ignis ardens,</i>	A flaming fire.
<i>Religio depulata,</i>	Religion laid waste.
<i>Fides intrepida,</i>	Faith fearless.
<i>Pastor Angelicus,</i>	An Angelick Pastor.
<i>Pastor & Nauta,</i>	Both Shepherd and Sailer.
<i>Flos florum,</i>	The Flower of Flowers.
<i>De mediteate Luna,</i>	Half the Moon.
<i>De labore Solis,</i>	The labour of the Sun, or an eclipse.
<i>Gloria Olive,</i>	The Glory of the Olive.

After which our Irish Prophet concludes with this sad *O bone! bone!* ——— In persecutione extrema Sacra Romana Ecclesia sedebit Petrus Romanus, qui pascet Oves in multis Tribulationibus quibus transactis Civitas Septicollis diruetur, & iudex tremendus judicabit populum.

In English thus.

In the last Persecution of the Holy Roman Church, one Peter a Roman shall possess the Chair, and feed the Sheep in many Tribulations; which being accomplished, the Seven-hill'd City shall be destroyed, and the dreadful Judge shall call the people to Judgment. Hitherto the words translated out of the before-mentioned Jesuite's *Flosculi Historici*.

There being according to this man's reckoning, Twenty six of their *Unholinesses* behind, if we shall allow (according to our usual Estimate of a man's life) seven years to each, it will amount to 182 years; that is, to the year of our Lord 1865, before the final destruction of the *Papacy*, and that bloody City shall be compleated: But the Prayers of the faithful, and the Cries of the Martyrs from under the Altar, may, 'tis like, sooner draw down and accelerate the just judgments threatned to this *Babylon* and spiritual *Sodom*; *Quod faxit Deus*.

A very ancient Prophecy of *Gildas the Scot*, recited by Archbishop *Usher*, in his Book, Intituled, *De Britannicarum Ecclesiarum Primordiis*,
Page 680.

*Ara ducis celebris super omnia Scotia sepi,
Qui loca Septa Salo iunget ubique sibi.
principe magnifico Tellus viduata vacabit
Annis bis Ternis, mensibus atque novem.*

*Antiquos Reges, justos, fortes, Locupletes
 Largos, Famosos, Scotia maest a luget;
 Ut Merlinus ait, post Reges victoriosus
 Regis more carens Regia Sceptra Reget.
 Va canet Albania tantis præsaga Ruinis
 Totaque Gens propria fraude perempta jaceret
 Quod rest irabit, post funus Regis avari
 Versibus antiquis prisca sibylla canit.
 Candidus Albanus Patriotis causa Ruinae
 Traditione sua Scotica Regna teret;
 Rex borealis enim numerosa Classe potitus
 Affiget Scotos ense, furore, fame.
 Extera gens tandem Sociorum fraude peribit
 In bello Princeps Noricus ense cadet.
 Gallica quem gignet, qui Gazis Regna replebit,
 O dolor! O Gemitus! Fratris ab ense cadet.
 Tristia cessabunt, quæ prospera sine sequuntur
 Pacis & adveniat Tempore grata quies
 Historiæ veteris Gildas luculentus Amator
 Hæc retulit parvo Carmine, plura notans.*

Which as near the Sense as I can, to make
 Verse, I thus English; Those that can Trans-
 late it more exactly, let them.

Scotland have all shall her brave Chief bemoan,
 Who all the Sea-girt places Rules alone;
 The Widdowed Land of bounteous Prince bereft,
 Shall Twice Three Years, and Nine long Months be left.
 Sad Scotland mourns her Old Just valiant Kings,
 But Merlin says, after them up their Springs
 One that shall not in Kingly manner sway
 The Royal Scepter, yet makes them obey.

To *Albany* presaging Ruin flows,
 By their own fraud undone, more than their Foes.
 Yet Old *Sybil* in Ancient Rhimes has told
 She shall revive, when one that dotes on Gold
 Is laid to rest. The *White Albanion* then
 By Treachery, undoes his Countrymen :
 A Northern Prince with numerous Ships shall vex
 The *Scots* ; whom Fury, Sword, and Death perplex.
 The Forraigner by fraud of his Allies
 Is lost, and in disastrous Battle Dies.
 Th' *French-Womans* Bearn, who shall his Kingdoms fill
 With Wealth ; Alas ! A Brother's Sword shall kill.
 Soon after, sorrows cease, and joys appear,
 And Welcome Peace salutes our Hemisphere,
 This *Gildas* in story well-read foreshows,
 Whose Verse, though brief, much matter may disclose.

The words of Mr. *Lilly* (Printed with Licence) in his *Almanack*, 1677.

AS to the time of Manifestation when these so wonderful Mutations or Revolutions shall be effected or visibly declared, or put into Action ; We say, That although in part some breakings out there are in *esse* at present, yet the most violent Actions, or dreadful Concernments, shall not have full Manifestation, or perfect appearance, until Three times Ten Years added to 1669. do come, which will be 1699.——

Weighty matters require many Years for their performances, yet in the mean time the powerful Configurations of the Superior Planets, the remaining Influences of the Comet, or Comets in 1664, 1665. and also of that

that 1673. have in some measure begun those Effects which will in convenient time be more apparent, long before the Year 1699.

In the Year 1682. and Month of *October*, (*Viz.*) the Twentieth Day, there will be a Conjunction of the two Superior Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in the Twentieth degree of that Regal Sign *Leo*, which is the Terms of *Jupiter*, and wherein he and the Sun have their *Triplicity*. It will be the Fifth time of their meeting in the Fiery *Triplicity*, since their Conjunction in 1603. at what time they changed one *Triplicity*, and entred into another: which usually (if we may credit Antiquity, Experience, or History,) hath not happened without considerable Revolutions and Changes in the World; (*Viz.*) according to the Nature and Sign of the Planet most Essentially fortified.—We have observed, That those Conjunctions which have happened in the Year 1603. and since succeeded in the Fiery *Trygon*, have not been accompanied with Propitious Successes unto *England*, or the City of *London*. At the entrance of those Planets into the Fiery *Trygon*, Queen *Elizabeth* dyed. In 1603. a great Plague was in *London*; and in the Year 1623. the Second Conjunction of the Superior Planets fell in the Seventh Degree of *Leo*. Not long after King *James* (a Peaceable and Wise Prince) dyed; Again, in the Year 1625. at

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least 50000 Persons dyed of the Plague in London. In short time after follows the unfortunate business or attempt of the *Ile of Rhee* in France, the Murther of *Buckingham*, &c. and during all that time a general murmuring and repining of the Common People, especially amongst those of different Judgments, which gave encouragment to and occasion of our late unhappy Troubles and Intestine Wars.

In the Year 1643. the Third Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, was celebrated in Twenty Six Degrees of *Pisces*; but the Effects most concerned those People subject to the Sign *Aries*. Upon this Conjunction our late unhappy Calamities began, which more or less continued until the Year 1652. In that Intestine and Bloody War, many Thousand Persons of all Degrees and Qualities miserably suffered, and the City of *London* especially in her Trade and Commerce. What is most remarkable after the Year 1663; was, That in 1665, (*Viz.*) the greatest Plague that ever happened in *London*, wherein 'tis credibly reported, that near One Hundred Thousand People perished. And besides, in the Year 1666. that terrible and never to be forgotten Fire, which destroyed the greatest part of that Famous and Flourishing City: and these Calamities followed the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in the Sign *Sagittary*

ry, of the Fiery Trygon, *Anno*. 1663. — But what manner of accidents shall precede or follow this next Conjunction of the Superiors in the Kingly Sign *Leo*, *Anno* 1682. which will be One Hundred Years and Ten, after the *Mock-star* of 1572. and Seventy Nine Years after the great Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, 1603. and Seventeen Years after the appearance of the Comet in 1665. whose tail extended Fiery and large towards the East part of Heaven; The Effects whereof we Judge are not yet in being, but will in part be put forward in or about the Year 1682. or something later: with an heavy vengeance or judgment on those People and Nations, Providence shall dispose the Effects to fall upon; by Wars, Famine, Death of Cattle, several Mortalities, barrenness of the Earth, and cruel destruction of Mankind. — It portends great Rents and Schisms amongst the Religious Orders of Monks, Fryars, Jesuits, as also amongst those of different Judgments, call them by what Name you please; And this Judgment is the more aggravated, in regard these Two Superior Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, do also meet again in the Sign *Leo*, in *May* 1683. (as appears by Calculation, and also by the Ephemerides of *Argol*.) And hence I conclude this Conjunction to be the *Prodromus* of every Prodigious Effects, — which we may not live to see transacted.

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There will be some preceding differences (perhaps *Verbal*) which will begin to break forth at first clandestinely before those great Deluges of Affairs are transacted. For we find, that upon the Fifth Day of *September*, 1682. there will first be a Conjunction of *Mars* and *Jupiter*, and upon the Twelfth Day of the same Month in the aforesaid Year, there will be another Conjunction of *Tory Mars* with *Saturn*, in the Seventeenth Degree of the same Sign; and again, in *December* following, there happens a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* also, in or near Twenty Degrees thereof, and both swift in motion. Then matters, Treasons, Consultations, Treachery of Subjects against their Superiors, are Plotting, Contriving, or Agitating, some Years before this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* is Celebrated.

Those pretending to Religion, or such as are Famous for Schisms, Hæresies, or of different Judgments from the Profession of that Religion which is establisht by Authority, will for some Years grumble and repine for Restriction of their Consciences (as they will term it) and the nearer the time of the Conjunction it self, or a little after, we fear greater disturbances of those Nations, and the Princes they live under, disquieting their Governours: and this for Conscience-sake, as they pretend. But in some Nations, Breach of the Peoples

Peoples just Priviledges, Ancient Customs and former enjoy'd Rights, will animate the Generality to a strong and sturdy Rebellion and countenance that Translation of *Monarchy*, mentioned by *Trithemius*.——Certainly you Princes of *Italy*, as also the *Roman Pontifex*, or *Conclave* of *Cardinals* of the *See of Rome*, will all of you find great and most grievous distempers in your Governments, near the time limited: So will many People and Nations subject to the Fiery *Triplicity*, and this Evil will be the more aggravated to those Kingdoms or Governments subject to the Signs *Taurus*, *Leo*, *Scorpio*, and *Aquary*.

Many believe the last Age of the World is at hand, we verily conjecture that a troublesome and vexatious time is approaching upon most Nations of *Europe*, wherein those pretending to Religion, whether *Papists* or *Protestants*, will shew little mercy or compassion to those persons whose unhappiness it will be to fall under their subjection.——The Conjunction of so many Planets in the Sign *Leo*, in the Year 1682. gives very rational grounds to predict the appearance of another Comet, very strange Apparitions in the Air, or some Prodigious Meteors, either preceding that Conjunction, or subsequent in a short time after: And we also are fearful that some more than ordinary Fire or Fires may afflict or do considerable damage to many Cities

cities of *Europe*; God keep this Judgment from the City of *London*, and Bless her Inhabitants with much Health and Prosperity, and deliver her from another Plague or Pestilential distemper in those Years.

Thus *Lilly* divers Years since, wherein his prediction of a Comet in 82. which exactly happened in *August* last, being visible both morning and evening for many Nights; his mentioning the Word *Tory*, which when he wrote was not in use, though since the occasion of many Animosities, his Menaces of more mischief by Fire, sadly felt by the poor Inhabitants of *Wapping* near *London*, on the Nineteenth of *November*, this present Year 1682. whereby about 1000 houses were consumed, are very remarkable, and how far the rest may answer Truth, time may shew.

A Prophecy found in the Library of *Salazarina* of *Heidelberg* in *Germany*, almost 200 years since.

Here shall a King arise out of the Nation of the most Illustrious *Lilly*, having a long Forehead, high Brows, great Eyes, and an Eagles Nose; He shall gather a great Army, and destroy all the Tyrants of his Kingdom, and lay all that fly into Mountains and Caves from his Face; Righteousness shall be joyned unto him, as the Bride-room unto the Bride. With them he shall wage War even unto the Fortieth year, bringing into subjection the *Danishers*, *Spaniards* and *Italians*; *Rome* and *Florence* he shall destroy and burn with fire, so as Salt may be sowed in that Land. The greatest Clergy-men who have Invaied *Peter's* Seat, he shall put to death, and in the same year obtain a double Crown. At last, going over-Sea with great Army, he shall enter *Greece*, and be named King of
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the Greeks. The Turks and Barbarians he shall subdue, making an Edict, That every one shall die the Death, that worshippeth not the crucified One, and none shall be found able to resist him, because an Holy Arm from the Lord shall always be with him, and he shall be with him, and he shall possess the Dominions of the Earth. These things being done, he shall be called, The Rest of the Holy Christians.

The Apocalyptical Interpreters adventuring to sail in the vast Ocean of Futurity, have most-times ship-wrackt their judgment and credit on the Rocks of Presumption; yet I shall presume here to add the words of that Reverend French Divine Peter du Moulin, in his Book intituled, *The Accomplishment of Prophecies*, (Translated into English Anno 1613) Page 411. as follows:

As for the time of three days and an half, during which the Bodies of the faithful Witnesses shall be cast out through all the Quarters of the Roman Church: It is manifest, that S. John doth hereby shew us how long the Persecution of the Church under the Roman Hierarchy, must continue. For to know how long this time shall endure, and to how much the Three Days and an half will amount unto; we are to note, that Three Days and an half, make half a Week, which gives us to understand, that the Holy Ghost here under the name of a Week, doth comprehend the whole time of the Beast's Reign, and doth advertise us, that the Persecution shall last half the time of this Reign. Since therefore he shall Reign 1260 years (as we have shewed before) it followeth that the Roman Hierarchy shall persecute the Faithful 630 years. Now I do not find, that the Church of Rome did begin to persecute and to use cruelty in general against all that did withstand her Doctrine till the time of Berengarius whom Pope Nicholas the Second compelled to Recant by force, in the year 1059; and ever since the Popes have persecuted such as have maintained the same Doctrine. If then you add the 630 years to 1059 years, you shall find that the persecution of the Church under the Pope, shall have an end in the year of our Lord 1689. This Term once expired, the Truth that was oppressed shall lift up her head afresh, and the faithful Witnesses shall be seen to stand up again, who shall assist the Church of Rome.

The Prediction of the most Learned and pious Archbishop *Usher*, is very remarkable, as it was printed above the years ago with Licence, and the Truth of the matter and Fact therein delivered, never that I know of denied, without confirmed by many, which in short was thus. — That the year before this holy Primate died (who was buried in the Abbey at Westminster 17 of April, 1656. The Usurper Cromwel allowing 200 l. towards his Funeral, so great his Worth, that it even charmed that Tyrant, otherwise far from being a Friend to any of his Profession :) An intimate Friend of the Archbishop's asking him (amongst other discourse) what his present Apprehensions were concerning a very great Persecution which should fall upon the Church of God in these Nations of England, Scotland and Ireland, (of which he had heard him speak with great confidence many years before, when they were in the highest and fullest state of outward peace and settlement) and whether he did believe those sad Times to be almost, or that they were yet to come? — He answered, — That they were yet to come, and that he did as confidently expect it as ever he had done. Adding, That this sad Persecution would fall upon all the Protestant Churches of Europe. His Friend replying, that he hoped the Affliction might now be over, and be intended of our late calamitous Civil Wars. The Reverend Prelate turning towards him, and fixing his Eyes upon him with that serious and severe Look which he usually had when he spake God's Word, and not his own, and when the power of God seemed to be upon him, and unconstrain him to speak, said thus: Fool not your self without such hopes, for I tell you, all you have yet seen, hath been but the beginning of sorrows to what is yet to come upon the Protestant Churches of Christ, who will ere long fall under a sharper Persecution than ever yet has been upon them; and therefore (said he to him) Look you be not found in the Outward Court, but a Worshipper in the Temple before the Altar, for Christ will measure all those that profess his Name, and call themselves his People; and the Outward Worshipers he will leave out, to be trodden down by the Gentiles. The outward Court (says he) is the formal Christian, whose Religion lies in performing the outside duties of Christianity, without having an inward Life and Power

Power of Faith and Love, uniting them to Christ, and these God will leave to be trodden down, and swept away by the Gentiles: But the Worshipers within the Temple, and before the Altar, are those who do indeed worship God in Spirit and Truth, whose Souls are made his Temples, and he is honoured and adored in the most inward thoughts of their hearts, and they sacrifice their Lusts and vile Affections, yea, and their own Wills to him; and these God will hide in the hollow of his Hand, and under the shadow of his Wings; and this shall be one great difference between this last, and all the other preceding Persecutions; For in the former, the most eminent and spiritual Ministers and Christians did generally suffer most, and were most violently fallen upon, but in this last Persecution, these shall be preserved by God as a Seed to partake of that Glory which shall immediately follow and come upon the Church, as soon as ever this storm shall be over; for as it shall be the sharpest, so it shall be the shortest Persecution of them all; and shall only take away the gross Hypocrites and formal Professors, but the true Spiritual Believers shall be preserved till the Calamity be over-past.

His Friend then asked him, By what means or Instruments this great Tryal should be brought on. He answered, By the Papists. His Friend replied, That it seemed very improbable they should be able to do it, since they were now little countenanced, and but few in these Nations, and that the hearts of the People were more set against them than ever since the Reformation. He answered again, 'That it would be by the hands of Papists, and in the way of a suddain Massacre, and that the then Pope should be the chief Instrument of it.

He also added, 'That the Papists were in his Opinion the Gentiles spoken of, Rev. 11. to whom the Outward Court should be left, that they might tread it under foot; they having received the Gentiles worship in their adorning Images, and Saints departed, and in taking to themselves many Mediators: And this (said he) the Papists are now designing among themselves, and therefore be sure you be ready.

This gracious man repeated the same things in Substance to his only daughter the Lady Tyrrel, and that with many tears, and much about the same time.

Whether we have mention'd this, because we find many other of our most Reverend Divines have foretold or intimated a Return of Popery—As appears by the Book Intituled *Fair warning*, the Second part, published with the License of Dr. *Stradling*, wherein are recited Twenty Prophecies by Archbishop *Whitgift*, Arch-Bishop *Bancroft*, Bishop *Sanderfon*, Bishop *Gauden*, Mr. *Hooker*, and others to the same purpose,

But if God in Judgment for our Sins should suffer it so to be, yet 'Tis certain, the Joy of the Wicked shall be but for a moment, for we have a most sure word of Prophecy, that in *due time Rome* shall finally fall, And the Kings of the Earth shall hate the Whore, and make her desolate and naked, and burn her with Fire, Rev. 17. 16.

*Rome tottering long, laden with Errors store,
At last shall fall, and Head the World no more.*

FINIS.
